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# House, Senate now train sights on revenue-generating bills

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With the passage and signing of the budget bill into law, the House and the Senate said they will focus on revenue-generating bills to help reduce the work hour cuts' impact on government employees and live within the $132 million spending ceiling for Fiscal Year 2011. **See BILLS on Page 4**

> *We don't want to punish further the businesses. But we're determined to work with the Senate to generate revenues that will not severely impact our businesses.*
>
> —House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray Basa

## Highlights of the FY 2011 budget law

Total identified budgetary resources **$149.171 million**
Resources available for government appropriations **$132.565 million**
**16-hour work cuts, or 64 hours per pay period**
**13 unpaid holidays**

| BRANCH/ SOME AGENCIES | FTES | BUDGET |
|---|---|---|
| **Executive Branch** | **1,575** | **$59.305 million** |
| DPH | 485 | |
| DPS | 258 | |
| Finance | 163 | |
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| DPW | 129 | |
| **Judicial Branch** | **74** | **$3.322 million** |
| Supreme Court | 11 | $795,972 |
| Superior Court | 45 | $1.875 million |
| Administration | 13 | $512,675 |
| Law Revision Commission | 5 | $138,687 |
| **Legislative Branch** | **203** | **$5.609 million** |
| Discretionary fund | 29 | $85,000 each lawmaker |
| Leadership account | | $138,000 each for House, Senate |
| Legislative Bureau | 28 | $1.441 million |
| Rota | 320 | $6.256 million |
| Tinian | 268 | $6.256 million |
| Saipan | 48 | $1.123 million |
| Northern Islands | 11 | $279,565 |
| Saipan Municipal Council | 11 | $61,523 |
| PSS | 1,113 | $31.140 million |
| NMC | 160 | $4.464 million |
| MVA | 36 | $2.611 million |
| Government utilities | | $7.539 million |

*Source: Public Law 17-21*

## Executive Branch to begin work reductions Oct. 24

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The 16-hour work cuts per pay period tacked into the Fiscal Year 2011 budget law will take effect on Oct. 24 and not today, when some 1,400 employees return to work after a partial government shutdown that began on Oct. 1.

From the regular 80 work hours per pay period, thousands of government employees will be paid 64 hours per

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**THAR SHE BLOWS** CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Raingutter Regatta winner Cub Scout Carl Lambat shows his winning form as he blows on the sail of *The Black Dragon* during the Oct. 6 race hosted by Cub Scout Pack 913. **See story on Page 8**

# 15-year-old girl kidnapped, raped

## » Suspect Michael Anthony Jackson arrested

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Jackson

Michael Anthony Jackson, a 32-year-old Chuukese, was arrested on Saturday night for allegedly kidnapping and raping a 15-year-old girl at the Saipan airport's football field.

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# Local

## New NMC Board of Regents identifies Top 3 goals

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The newly elected Board of Regents of Northern Marianas College has identified its Top 3 goals during its term of office.

Younis

Maria Paz Younis, who was elected as the new chairperson last Friday, said her leadership's top priorities include the institution's accreditation, obtaining the necessary financial resources for the college, and selecting the next NMC president.

"We will be working extremely hard to continue to raise standards while we transform the college into the premier institution of higher learning in the region," she said.

She also expressed elation on the trust and support showed by her fellow regents when they elected her as chairwoman last week.

"I am honored that my colleagues have elected me to serve as the new chairperson of the NMC Board of Regents. I am excited about the opportunity to work with them and the entire NMC community to ensure that NMC emerges from the current accreditation situation stronger and better positioned to meet the educational needs of students," she said.

Younis also expressed her gratitude to former chair Janet King for her service and commitment to the college.

The start of Younis' tenure as chair couldn't have come at a more challenging time as NMC is currently addressing its show-cause status. It has until Oct. 15 to justify why its accreditation should not be revoked.

The college's show-cause report will be followed by a special visit by the accrediting commission team for validation before it makes a recommendation to the full commission in January 2011.

NMC was first placed on show-cause in 2008, but a year later its accreditation was reaffirmed under the leadership of then NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez and board chairperson Charles Cepeda.

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges then placed NMC in show-cause anew in June 2010 citing 10 new recommendations.

Among these concerns is the unstable leadership of the college as it has had seven presidents during the past 10 years.

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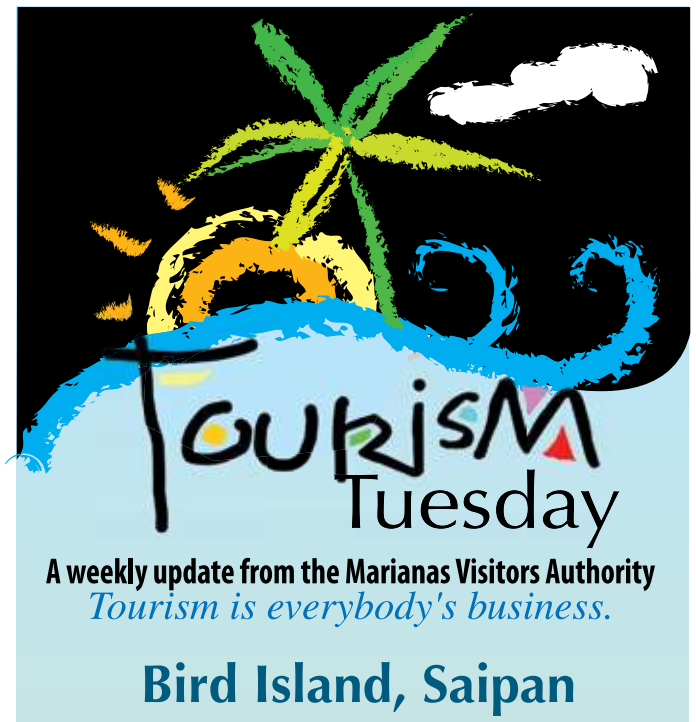


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### Bird Island, Saipan

**Bird Island Lookout** in northern Saipan remains one of the top tourist sites on the island, rivaled only by Banzai Cliff in popularity. In August 2010 alone, almost 20,000 people visited the site, largely off-island visitors to the Northern Marianas.

Due to its importance to the tourism economy and the richness of its marine species, the Bird Island Sanctuary was established in 2000 as a Marine Protected Area (MPA), where the harvesting of natural resources is limited.

Bird Island is also known as Isleta Maigo Fahang in indigenous Chamorro, meaning "Island of Sleeping Seabirds."

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This Tourism Tuesday space is provided by Saipan Tribune

# Election commission mails 884 absentee ballots

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The Commonwealth Election Commission has sent out 884 absentee ballots to off-island voters who made the request before the Friday noon deadline.

The agency's website posted 663 total registered absentee voters as of Oct. 6 and according to the commission's executive director Robert A. Guerrero, 221 additional absentee packets were sent out last Friday, resulting in nearly 900 packets sent out to voters.

Guerrero said 99 percent of the absentee requests were received from off-island voters.

He emphasized that although Oct. 8 was the deadline set to receive absentee requests, this only pertains to requests being made through mail, fax, and electronic devices.

For walk-in requests, Guerrero said the commission could still accommodate them before the early voting process starts on Oct. 22.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed into law Public Law 17-11, allowing early voting on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the upcoming Nov. 2 elections. Voters from Northern Islands are given 30 days to cast their votes, while 10-day early voting was given to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota voters.

Northern Islands already started the early voting, while voting for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota commences on Oct. 22.

The same law also prohibits campaign activities within the 300-feet radius of the polling stations to address some issues on voter intimidation and fraud.

"So we have until Oct. 21 to receive the request from walk-in applicants. This is also the deadline set for the commission to mail out all the absentee packets," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that they expect to see an increase of the registered absentee voters in the coming weeks.

During the November 2009 general election, the commission posted over 2,000 absentee voters but based on the current data trend, CEC is expecting a decline in the figure.

Guerrero gave a conservative estimate of only 1,300 absentee voters for this year's congressional election where four candidates will vie for the post: Republican Party's Juan N. Babauta; Democratic Party's Jesus Borja; Covenant Party's Joseph Camacho; and independent and incumbent Washington Delegate Gregorio Sablan.

As of Sept. 17, the commission recorded 16,603 registered voters. The figure may decrease before the election day based on two factors: removal of deceased persons from the list and the disqualification of convicted felons as determined by the courts and the public health department.

# Tinian Chamber of Commerce to host NAVFAC small business outreach forum

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As Tinian prepares to host four live-fire training ranges as part of the military buildup in the Marianas, the Tinian Chamber of Commerce will partner with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in holding a NAVFAC Small Business Outreach Forum on Oct. 27.

Phillip Mendiola-Long, president of the Tinian Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday that the forum will be held from 8am to 4:30pm on Oct .27 at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

Mendiola-Long

The live-fire training ranges on Tinian will accommodate the needed training of U.S. Marines but also international allied forces, Maj. Gen. David F. Bice, executive director of the Joint Guam Program Office, earlier said.

Mendiola-Long, in a statement yesterday, said this development on Tinian, as well as other proposed plans by the U.S. military, offers an invaluable opportunity to Guam and CNMI companies seeking to do business with the U.S. federal government.

He said the Oct. 27 forum will assist small businesses in preparing for these opportunities.

"This forum will be a great opportunity for all CNMI and Guam businesses to learn first hand what the future CNMI opportunities will be related to the military buildup," he said.

The Chamber has set up the forum in two sessions with the first focusing on the details and Record of Decision for the Guam/Marianas Military Relocation.

The second session focuses on training small businesses on how they do business with the federal government.

"If there are still Guam or CNMI companies that have not studied or pursued opportunities related to the military build up in the region, this forum would be a great starting point for them to evaluate the potential that the $20 billion in projects and contracts the build up has to offer," Mendiola-Long said.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz will deliver the opening remarks at the forum.

The forum will also have presentations from senior U.S. military officials including Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, the U.S. Department of Defense Representative for Micronesia; John Jackson, director of JGPO Forward; and, Capt. Peter Lynch, commanding officer of NAVFAC Marianas.

"The goal of the Small Business Outreach Forum is to have key military leaders first explain the plans for the region and how local businesses can take part in the many opportunities. This will allow business owners to know 'what' to plan for," Mendiola-Long said.

The forum will then move into the second half which will be focused on "how" to do business with the federal government.

Among the expert speakers in federal contracting are Vera Topasna, program manager for the U.S. Department of Defense's Procurement Technical Assistance Center; Casey Jeszenka, network director of the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center; and Albert Sampson, small business advisor for NAVFAC Marianas.

Mendiola-Long said registration for the NAVFAC Small Business Outreach Forum is $25 with no lunch or $45 with lunch.

All funds collected go to the Tinian Chamber of Commerce to cover expenses of hosting the event.

For online registration, visit www.TinianChamber.com and click on the NAVFAC Small Business Outreach Forum link.

The Tinian Chamber of Commerce has been operating on Tinian for over 25 years and currently consists of over 50 active members ranging from a large casino/hotel operation that employs over 600 people, to the small Donni Sali (hot pepper) single person harvesters and farmers.

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3rd Day - Worship for the 9th LUNAR DAY - October 16th (Saturday). Starting 8:56 p.m. to ending at 12:00 a.m.
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# Regulations for anti-smoking law take effect Dec. 1

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The Department of Public Health adopted the permanent rules and regulations on the anti-smoking law which will take effect on Dec. 1.

The proposed regulations, published at the Commonwealth Register, are intended to clarify and implement the provisions of Public Law 16-46, or Smoke-Free Air Act of 2008.

The regulation states that smoking is prohibited in government facilities. It banned smoking in all enclosed areas and outdoor areas with 25 feet of any doorway entrance or exit to a government facility.

The smoking prohibition was also extended to all enclosed areas of public places including but not limited to areas available to and customarily used by the general public and other common-use areas.

Among these common areas are sports arenas and hotels and motels' lobby except in designated smoking spaces in an outdoor area 25 feet or father from entrances and exits.

DPH also proposed that smoking to be banned in enclosed places of employment, or within the 25 feet of any person who is not smoking if the place or site of work is an outdoor area.

The same is also prohibited in any property of the Public School System and the Northern Marianas College and thus require the 25 feet distance from the school grounds.

The health department stated that there are places and locations where smoking is not regulated such as open-air bars, private residences or homes, private apartments and condominiums, enclosed gaming areas of a casino establishment, and fully enclosed and well-ventilated smoking areas at the departure terminal of the Commonwealth airports.

The regulation states that owners of places and locations not regulated by the anti-smoking law can take more stringent measures to protect individuals from second-hand smoke.

On Dec. 1, DPH, through the Bureau of Environmental Health, was mandated to enforce the regulations.

BEH and/or the fire division of the Department of Public Safety shall conduct inspections for compliance of the regulations in a regular basis.

Persons found violating the provisions of the anti-smoking law will be issued a citation or notice of violation including warning and a notice to appear for a hearing should the violator wish to dispute the citation.

BEH shall to designate a hearing officer under its existing procedures for any administrative hearings. Besides DPH, public safety officers may also issue citation or notice of violation to any person violating the said law.

The administrative hearing officer may also issue any order, administrative penalty or fine, and other appropriate relief under the statute. The BEH hearing officer is the final agency decision and any aggrieved party may seek judicial review from the courts.

# Another woman robbed in western Garapan

Another robbery case occurred in western Garapan when an unidentified man grabbed a purse from a woman who was walking along Palm Street on Saturday early morning.

Meiying Fang, 39, lost her blue purse containing $300 cash and a cellphone. She was not injured, according to the police.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said yesterday that the victim described the suspect as having short hair, and wearing black pants and black shirt.

Blas said the NMI Crime Stoppers Program is offering up to $1,000 cash reward to anyone who could provide information leading to the suspect's arrest.

DPS received a call about the purse snatching on Saturday at 2:23am that occurred along Palm Street near the CBA Store.

Investigation conducted by Patrol Officer Stanley K. Patris showed that while the victim was walking on Palm Street, the suspect came from behind her and grabbed her purse.

The robber fled north direction into the Micro Beach area.

According to the Crime Stoppers, there have been a string of reported theft and robbery incidents on the beaches of both the Fiesta Resort and Spa and Hyatt Regency Saipan hotels. Most of the victims are tourists who go for nightly swims, leaving their personal belongings on the beach.

Last Oct. 2, a 28-year-old Japanese woman was injured when an unidentified man talked to her and her friend then grabbed her purse at a beach behind Fiesta Resort.

The purse contained $700 cash, some credit cards, and other items. Her cell phone was later recovered. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# Cargo ship aground off cooks' Mauke isle

**RAROTONGA, Cook Islands** (Cook Islands News/PIR)—The Taio Shipping owned vessel *MV Te Kou Maru II* ran onto the reef off the west coast of Mauke at around 8pm on Monday.

As of press time last night, the ship was still stuck on the reef, and Maukeans were working together to offload valuable cargo, fuel and timber in particular.

The vessel reportedly sustained only minor damage to the hull and no one was hurt.

*MV Maungaroa*, another Taio Shipping vessel, set sail for Mauke yesterday and though it is probably too small to tow *Te Kou Maru II* off the reef, it will lay lines to stop the ship from moving any further on to the reef.

Taio Shipping director Tapi Taio purportedly hopes to float the ship off the reef if possible.

*Te Kou Maru II* was headed for Mauke and carrying only Mauke-bound cargo when it ran aground.

No one has confirmed exactly what happened on Monday night to cause *Te Kou Maru II* to end up on the reef, but sources on Mauke report that "the seas weren't that rough".

Mauke mayor George Samuela said that at about 9pm, an hour after the ship got stuck on the reef, its entire crew was ashore.

He estimated that unloading the cargo was probably a two or three-day job.

"We're just using manpower so I don't think we will finish today," he said yesterday morning.

Samuela added that "the whole island" is pitching in to cart freight from the hold ashore.

*Te Kou Maru II* still has electricity, so its crane is working to feed heavy pieces of freight to a line of people – a kind of human conveyer belt – connecting the ship to the shore.

Nineteen stacks of concrete blocks will be left in the hold to weigh the vessel down for now.

Taio Shipping hasn't had to deal with a problem like this since its vessel the *MV Maungaroa* ran aground in Avatiu during a January storm in 2008. That episode delayed deliveries to the outer islands for a few months.

*Te Kou Maru II*, which has the capacity to store 400 tonnes of cargo, is 45 metres long. She has a thick steel hull and carries the namesake of *Te Kou Maru*, a cargo ship that sank in the late 1990s after Taio sold her to a Tahitian company.

Taio Shipping declined to comment on *Te Kou Maru II* without authorisation from Taio, who flew to Mauke yesterday to assess the situation.

Ports Authority general manager Nooroa 'Bim' Tou is overseas and the Te Kukupa office was unable to provide any further information.

## EXECUTIVE

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two weeks. They are also subjected to 13 unpaid holidays.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked yesterday, said the Executive Branch's 16-hour cuts will be implemented through a combination of payday Friday closure and one-hour cut in eight days per pay period.

These eight days are Monday to Thursday, for two weeks.

The non-payday Friday will have a complete eight-hour work, or from 7:30am to 4:30pm, with a one-hour lunch break.

"The administration will be uniformly implementing the 16-hour cut beginning with the pay period that starts on October 24th. This is to ensure that all the 30-day notices that were served during the month of September are equally effectuated," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota), in a separate interview yesterday, said the Legislature will finalize this week its plans to implement a 16-hour cut to reduce its expenses to comply with the budget law that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed on Sunday.

He said the Legislature may not necessarily implement an every-Friday-closure to cope with the 16-hour cut.

"The new budget law gives flexibility, so long as the expenses are reduced by an equivalent of 16 hours reduction per pay period," Manglona said.

Because of severe financial crisis and the need to live within the $132 million in projected revenue available for government operations in FY 2011, the government needs to implement reduction in force starting with a 16-hour work cut per pay period and 13 unpaid holidays.

The Fitial administration said if this isn't enough, it may also let go of employees. The $132 million budget includes paying for the salaries of 3,838 locally funded full-time employees in FY 2011.

The passage and signing of the budget measure, Public Law 17-21, ended the partial government shutdown that resulted from a lack of a budget by the Sept. 30 deadline. The Senate and the House were deadlocked mainly on the work hour cuts every two weeks.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) said yesterday that despite the Senate's proposal to reduce the impact of a 16-hour cut especially on lowest-paid government employees, the Senate had no choice but to give in to the House's proposal to end the partial shutdown that left over 1,400 employees without work from Oct. 1 to Oct. 8.

"As chair of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, I voted to support the budget bill on Friday because I could no longer afford to see our people out of work for another day. They have families to support," she said.

Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta, in a separate phone interview yesterday, said through the Department of Public Lands functions independently from the Executive Branch, it may just follow the Executive Branch's plan to implement the work hour cuts.

It's not known yet how the Judiciary will implement the 16-hour cut per pay period as of yesterday.

But Demapan said the Executive Branch will certainly encourage the other two branches to follow suit, "provided that doing so would not jeopardize any of the services that they render."

"As it stands now, the 16-hour reduction plan of the Executive Branch offices will be as follows: Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm; Non-payroll Fridays: 7:30am-4:30pm; and payroll Fridays: Closed," he added.

The press secretary said the Fitial administration will also issue proper notice to the general public about the implementation of the reduced work hours.

## RAPED

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ty spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said yesterday that Detective Melissa Bauleong arrested Jackson at 11:47pm for kidnapping, rape, sexual abuse of a minor, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Jackson is currently detained at the Department of Corrections. Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman imposed a $100,000 cash bail on the defendant.

Blas said on Saturday at 4:03pm, DPS received a call about a sexual assault incident that occurred at the Airport Road's football field.

Preliminary investigation conducted by Patrol Officer Abraham Villagomez showed that while the victim was walking along As Lito Road near Happy Market, a grayish brown car driven by the suspect stopped by her.

The suspect got down, forced the girl into the vehicle, and brought her to the airport's football field where he then allegedly raped her.

Blas said detectives from the DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau conducted an investigation that led to the identification of the vehicle and Jackson.

Blas said on that same day, Judge Wiseman issued an arrest warrant for Jackson.

The report did not mention whether the suspect abandoned the girl at the scene or dropped her somewhere else after the alleged rape.

Last June 16, a 16-year-old girl was kidnapped, beaten up, and raped in Kagman. Four persons were arrested and subsequently charged in Superior Court.

## BILLS

*From Page 1*

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), however, said they are cautious in acting on revenue-generating bills without conducting public hearings, including House Bill 17-53, Senate Substitute 1.

Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) said the Ways and Means Committee, which she is a part of, will also call in tax experts during the public hearings.

Basa introduced HB 17-53 to re-appropriate money to the Agingan wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation.

But the Senate introduced a substitute version that completely changed the bill into a revenue-generating one, including raising the annual business license fee, increase so-called sin taxes, implement new taxes and fees, and cut rebate amounts.

"We don't want to punish further the businesses. But we're determined to work with the Senate to generate revenues that will not severely impact our businesses," Basa told *Saipan Tribune*.

Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), meanwhile, introduced a new revenue-generating bill that incorporates the Senate's earlier amendment to his original business license fee increase bill. The Senate reduced to almost half many of Cabrera's proposed annual business license fee hikes.

"With my latest bill (HB 17-116), it mirrors the Senate amendments. But it does not include the Senate's tax increases. Our businesses are already hurting and to tax them more is just not right," he said last week.

Ogumoro said the House leadership still considers a casino bill, which Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) has been pushing for, but senators said they are firm in rejecting such proposal.

Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) called on yesterday for the House to act promptly on HB 17-53, SS1.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) earlier said that the House will have a session on Wednesday.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business group in the CNMI with some 150 members, is opposed to business license fee and tax increases without accompanying plans to cut government jobs and spending.

# Fighting climate change one tree at a time

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Tom A. Aldan, 53, and his friend Ramon Evangelista, 47, were on their way home to Garapan early Saturday afternoon when they passed by volunteers on Beach Road flashing cardboard signs that read, "free trees." Minutes later, they said they're happy they made the stop, if not for the environment, then at least for their loved ones at home.

"This would be a wonderful gift to my wife, Doris," said Evangelista.

He said his wife has been an avid gardener and he said the flowering plant he picked is something he hasn't seen in his wife's plant collection.

Aldan, for his part, said the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, or MINA, a community based nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of the CNMI's natural resources, should be lauded for taking the initiative of offering free trees or shrubs to involve the community in caring for and beautifying the environment.

"This is a very nice project by MINA. For people to plant these trees in their backyard, it will help maintain the beauty of Saipan. This is a nice gift to all of us in the CNMI. I am personally very grateful for being given this free plant," he said.

Frances Castro, chair of MINA, said the alliance's goal is to distribute 350 trees or shrubs and plant vouchers on Saturday and Sunday in front of the MINA office on Beach Road, to be planted on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, thus the event was dubbed "350 trees on 10/10/10."

Castro said the number 350 is not a random one either, but was taken from the goal of reducing to or remaining below 350 parts per million the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere that scientists say is the safe limit for humanity.

"As trees grow, they help stop global warming by removing carbon dioxide from the air, storing carbon in the trees and soil, and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere," she said.

Miles King, a 21-year-old San Jose resident, said he and his girlfriend were also just passing by the MINA office when they were enticed by the "free trees" signs.

"The word 'free' is just enticing and glistening these days. It's a good idea, and they (MINA members and volunteers) took the time to host this event to give away trees for a good cause. I do love the environment. It's all we have because politics, as you know, is going down the drain," he said.

His girlfriend, Evelyn Pangelinan, 19, of As Lito, said planting trees will help reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to a level that is safe for humans.

Sharisse Rivera and David Sablan, MINA volunteers and Micronesian Challenge interns, were signing up people who showed up to pick up their free trees or shrubs, free reusable shopping bags and free zoris.

They also gave community members a brief explanation of why MINA is giving away free trees and plant vouchers.

Rivera said among those they gave away for free were some 250 trees or shrubs, and 100 plant vouchers. Once they ran out of trees to give away, they distributed plant vouchers worth $10 each, which people can redeem at private plant nurseries.

Castro said MINA received the 350 trees and shrubs as well as plant vouchers from private and public donors.

She said they include the CNMI Division of Forestry which donated 100 shrubby plants, fruit trees and shade trees; Ron and Herminia Fusco and family who donated some 40 flame trees; Capt. Carl Brachear, who donated some 40 yellow and red flame trees; and Felix Sablan, who donated betel nut trees.

Among the shrubby plants that the Division of Forestry donated were gardenia, copper plant, Dracaena, peacock flower, Perrie winkle, celery leaf, croton, ixora, purple trumpet, jatropha, white hibiscus, and red ginger.

The division also donated avocado, star fruit and java plum trees, along with pink Tacoma, mahogany, and kapok trees.

Rachel Zuercher, a Coastal Resources Management employee who also came to pick up a free plant, said MINA's project is in line with an international campaign to raise awareness on climate change and ways how each individual can be part of it like planting trees.

In related news, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan announced that he nominated MINA for this year's Zero Waste Advocate Environmental Award.

The award is given by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to an entity or individual that implements practices "that minimize resource consumption, promote reuse and/or recycle and compost materials."

Sablan said MINA has been instrumental in developing several clean-environment initiatives, including the Island Culture of Recycling Project, Adopt-A-Bin Program, and Litter Patrol Program, and has begun numerous environmental education and outreach projects. MINA also organizes and participates in beach cleanups, trains volunteers to engage beach visitors about recycling, collaborates with businesses and other organizations for the placement of recycling bins at popular sites, and deputizes elementary-age students to help spread the word about recycling.

"MINA's efforts have brought about a heightened sense of the importance of conservation in the Mariana Islands and its recognition is well deserved. EPA will announce the winners by early November. Best of luck MINA," Sablan said.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Mariana Islands Nature Alliance volunteers David Sablan, left, and Frankie Eliptico, call on passers-by and motorists to avail of free trees and shrubs as well as plant vouchers in front of the MINA office on Beach Road on Saturday afternoon. The goal was to plant 350 plants on 10/10/10 or on Oct. 10, 2010 as part of a worldwide campaign to combat climate change.

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# Juan Pan files emergency motion

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Businessman Juan Pan T. Guerrero has filed an emergency motion to stay the Superior Court's judgment and order for him to spend five days in jail over his conviction of driving while under the influence of alcohol and two other traffic offenses.

Guerrero, through counsel Steven Pixley, asked the CNMI Supreme Court to stay the Superior Court's final judgment and commitment order pending his appeal.

Pixley said there is no prejudice to the government if Guerrero's sentence is stayed until the Supreme Court can rule on this appeal.

"On the contrary, Mr. Guerrero's appeal would have been rendered moot if he is required to serve five days in jail.

Guerrero

Equity and notions of fair play and justice weigh in favor of granting the stay," said Pixley in the emergency motion.

The case arose from incident on the night of March 4, 2010, when Guerrero hit another vehicle being driven by Chester Cuento on the northbound lane of Middle Road in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

During a bench trial, associate judge Ramona V. Manglona had found Guerrero guilty of DUI, speeding by failing to maintain a clear distance, and refusal to submit to a breath test. She acquitted him of reckless driving.

Manglona ordered the 60-year-old Guerrero to start serving the five-day jail term on Oct. 15, 2010 at 7am at the Department of Corrections in Susupe.

Pixley filed the emergency motion on Friday after Judge Manglona denied on Thursday the defendant's motion to stay the sentence pending the appeal.

Pixley said this appeal raises legitimate and substantial questions regarding the sufficiency of the evidence presented at trial to support a finding that Guerero was guilty of DUI and speeding.

The lawyer said Guerrero was able to fully understand the investigating officers, he called 911, he had no problem walking, he asked for a field sobriety test, his lack of intoxication was corroborated by a witness, and the evidence of physical impairment was, at best, very minimal.

"In sum, this case raises legitimate issues regarding the sufficiency of the evidence to support a conviction beyond a reasonable doubt," he said.

Pixley said as new counsel for Guerrero he should have opportunity to review transcript to formulate issues on appeal.

The transcript of Superior Court proceedings is not yet available.

"There may be additional issues advanced during this appeal including issues relating to an inconsistent verdict given the fact that the Superior Court found Mr. Guerrero not guilty of the offense of reckless driving," Pixley said.

He added that his client would have already served his five-day jail sentence should his motion for stay be denied.

Guerrero was one of four gubernatorial candidates in the November 2009 general election. He used to serve as NMI Retirement Fund Board of Trustees chairman, a congressman, and a senator.

# GTC, Tanapag elementary schools first to be visited by USDOE execs

Gregorio T. Camacho and Tanapag elementary schools will be the first schools that will be visited by U.S. Department of Education officials today as part of their three-day "Learning and Listening Tour" in the Commonwealth.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and State Technical Assistance Dr. Carl E. Harris and Crystal Martinez, special advisor on congressional affairs at the office of legislation and congressional affairs, are expected to be welcomed early morning today by Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, Congressman Gregorio Sablan, Board of Education members, and Public School System officials.

The visiting executives will be greeted by a welcome breakfast by CNMI representatives and the group is scheduled to appear in a brief press conference with local media today.

Tomorrow, Harris and Martinez are expected to continue discussion of educational issues in a working breakfast with PSS officials and the board of education.

A forum between the USDOE officials and PSS leadership and principals will follow this discussion where strategic priorities of PSS and key issues will be shared to them. Another press briefing is slated at 11:30am Wednesday at Lao Lao Bay Conference Center.

On the same day, a forum to be attended by high school students—led by students' representative and PSS officials—is also scheduled.

Schools on Tinian are slated for the officials' visit on Thursday, along with a meeting with Tinian students.

Harris and Martinez will cap their three-day visit by attending a parents forum at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan where Congressman Sablan and education officials would also participate.

Harris was appointed deputy assistant secretary for policy and state technical assistance of the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education at the USDOE in January 2010. Prior to this appointment, he was superintendent of Durham Public Schools where he provided leadership for 53 schools and nearly 33,000 students in the North Carolina District.

Martinez, meanwhile, was appointed to her current post in July 2009. Prior to this position, she worked on the education policy team in the office of then Sen. Barack Obama. During her tenure on Capitol Hill, Martinez also worked for Sen. Tom Udall and Congressman Ruben Hinojosa. Her duties at the USDOE include handling the nominations and confirmations for Senate Confirmed positions at the department. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

# Mason dies while installing *lapida* at CK cemetery

A mason/carpenter collapsed while installing a *lapida* or tombstone marker at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery on Saturday shortly before noon and subsequently died.

*Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday that Camelo Laoeng, 60, a Filipino, died due to cardiac arrest.

Mely Marquez, 55, said Laoeng, her boyfriend of 15 years, was working part-time at the cemetery since 9am that day.

Marquez said at 11am, Laoeng suddenly collapsed, but a local person, who was his customer, was able to catch him before he fell to the ground.

The victim was not responding so an ambulance was called. Police officers also arrived at the cemetery.

Laoeng was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center where he was later pronounced dead.

Marquez said she was at her job as a houseworker in Dandan when a friend called to inform her about the incident.

"I was shocked. I was not aware that he was working part-time. The last time I talked to him was on Friday," said Marquez in Filipino.

Marquez said Laoeng, who had been in the CNMI for 20 years now, had hypertension.

Marquez said she and friends will be conducting nightly rosary at their house in As Lito until Monday.

Laoeng had four grown-up children. His body will be brought to Ilocos Norte, Philippines. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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# BOE recommends Atalig for students representative

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The Board of Education has endorsed a high school student from Rota to become the next CNMI Students' Representative to the BOE for school year 2010-2011.

Board member Herman T. Guerrero admitted to the board's letter of recommendation but refused to name the individual.

Guerrero

"The board submits its recommendation to the governor. However, we cannot release the name of the student until such time governor appoints the student. PSS and the board are just facilitating the appointment process but it is the prerogative of the governor to make the final decision," Guerrero said.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Jocelyn Atalig, a Rota High School student, was recommended for the position vacated by Francine Babauta who graduated last June.

The governor's press secretary, Angel A. Demapan, also confirmed the BOE's recommendation letter but said no decision has yet been reached.

"At this time, the recommendation of the BOE is still before the governor for his review and determination," he admitted.

The selection of the students' representative to the board is on rotating basis among three islands. The last student rep was from Saipan Southern High School.

The education board is comprised of five voting members and three non-voting members. Voting members included Lucy Blanco-Maratita, Herman T. Guerrero, Marylou Ada, Tanya King, and Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

To date, the three non-voting members are vacant pending the appointment from the governor. Except for the students' representative, appointees for teachers' representatives in public and private schools may take a little while.

It was in January 2008 when the seat for teachers' representative for public schools to the board was vacated following the expiration of Ambrose Bennett's term in office. Since then, nobody has been appointed to replace him.

The executive branch earlier pointed out that the delay in appointing public school teachers' rep was caused by the PSS' unmet requirements in the CNMI Constitution which mandates the certification of a possible candidate by a collective bargaining agent of public school teachers.

The education board had already emphasized that it has no authority to get involved in the selection of a candidate for the teachers' rep position.

BOE members earlier acknowledged that it would take a while before appointments are made to the teachers' rep because legislation would need to be crafted to clarify the law's provisions.

For a teacher representative for private schools, the position has been vacant since October last year when Scott Norman's tenure ended.

To date, no appointments have been made by the governor for the post.

# Korean brass band performs tonight on Saipan

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Dangjin Middle School Brass Band from Korea will perform in a concert tonight at the Korean Presbyterian Church in Chinatown.

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The 83-member Dangjin Middle School Brass Band from Korea will be performing in a concert tonight at 7:30pm at the Korean Presbyterian Church in Chinatown.

Jun Ho Park of the P,Art Academy said the concert is part of the celebration of the 2010 Korean Festival.

Admission for the concert is free.

Park told *Saipan Tribune* that the 71 students and 12 staff led by Dangjin Middle School principal You Hee Kwon and Brass Band conductor Yang Seung Goon arrived on Saipan yesterday for the concert.

This will be the first time that the band will visit Saipan, he said.

Park said the Dangjin Middle School Brass Band performs in music festivals across Korea. "They are very good performers," he added.

Tonight's free concert will feature performances from the Dangjin Middle School Brass Band as well as the Saipan Community School Brass Band and the Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Band.

The Korean brass band's repertoire includes the *African Symphony* by V. McCoy and *The Last of the Mohicans* by Trevor Jones.

According to Park, the Dangjin Middle School Brass Band's visit to Saipan will hopefully begin the band exchange program among the three bands.

"We hope to co-sponsor the local bands' trip to Dangjin City in Korea for the exchange program," he said.

Park is inviting the whole community to watch tonight's concert. "We hope everybody will come see the three bands perform," he added.

Since 1994, the P,Art Music Academy of Saipan has been inviting Korean groups to celebrate Korean culture and to join in the Liberation Day festivities.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC LAND**

In accordance with Section 106 (a) and (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to recommend the extension of a lease on certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This lease extension is subject to the approval of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature in accordance with the mandate set out in Article XI, § 5(c) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The leased premises is described as public land Lot No. 027 E 02, containing an area of approximately 4,530 square meters, more or less, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The lessee is JL Reyes Incorporated, a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Juan S. Reyes, Dolores R. Tudela, and Leticia D. Reyes.

The President of the Corporation is Juan S. Reyes. The Vice President is Dolores R. Tudela. The Treasurer/Secretary is Leticia D. Reyes.

iii. The proposed lease extension was negotiated by Mr. Juan S. Reyes.

iv. The lessee shall continue to use the premises solely for the purpose of operating the business of general contracting, construction, offices, materials/supply warehouse, and activities related thereto.

The term of the lease agreement extension is 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the properties.

v. Copies of the proposed lease extension agreements may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; the 2nd floor of the Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public lands in Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before October 14, 2010 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

**NOTISIA POT MAPROPONEN EKSTENSION INATKILAN TANO´ PUPBLIKU**

Sigun gi halom i Seksiona 106 (a) gi Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku guini na ha nå´i notisia i intension-ña para u rekumenda i ekstension ma'atkilan i pumalu na tano´ pupbliku siha gi halom Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan Na Islan Marianas Siha. Este na ekstension atkilon sinuhetu ni para u inapreba ni Lihislaturan Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islan Marianas siha sigun ni mamånda huyong gi Attikulu XI, § 5(c) gi Konstitusion gi Sangkattan na Islan Marianas siha. Maseha håyi na petsona siha gi halom i pupbliku heneråt siña manna´hålom infotmasion, opiñon, pat testamonion kinentra gi tinahguen propositu siha para i inatkilan tano´ pupbliku. Komu mås mapribeniyi ginen i Lai Pupbliku 15-2, ni tinattitiyi ni pettanesen infotmasion ni dinimånda na para u mapupblika

i. I ma´atkilan tåno´ pupbliku madeskribi komu Lot No. 027 E 02, ni kinensisiste i åria gi kåsi propiu 4,530 square meters, potlumenus mås, ni gaige giya Lower Base, Saipan. i kopian i pumalu na lugåt gaige na gumuaha gi Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku Siha para i rikonosimento.

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iv. I manatkikila debi na u usa i lugåt siha uniku para i rason i manmaneha bisnes gi general contracting, konstraksion, ofisina siha, materiåt/supply na warehouse, yan i mana'achule' n aktibidåt siha.

I teman kontråtan inekstenden atkilon sa´ (15) åños.

I maproponen atkilon kada såkkan gi durånten i tema sigun gi percentage gi ma'estima gi fair market value gi propiedåt, inengklulusu i tumatachu na estrokto siha.

v. I kopian i maproponen kontråtan ekstension atkilon siha siña machule´ gi ofisian Dipattamenton Tåno´ Pupbliku Siha, gaige gi sigundo bibienda gi as Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; i sigundo bibienda gi Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; pat i primet bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. I Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku siha ha risibi tåya´ na tinahguen propositu siha para atkila i suheto i tano´ pupbliku giya Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. I Sekritårion i Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku siha debi na uma´aksepta i tinige´ infetmasion, opiñon, testamonion kinentra pat tinahguen propositu siha ginen i maninteresåo na pattida siha gi pat åntes di Oktubre 14, 2010 gi Ofisinan Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku siha ni manggaige giya Saipan, Rota pat Tinian.

**ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP**

Sángi Tálil ye 106 (b) mellól Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwlil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow ammataf igha ebwe akkilaaló eghús falúw mellól Seipel, Commonwealth Téél Falúwasch Marianas. Akkilon yeel nge ebwe mwir sangi alughulughul Sow Ffeerul Allegh mellol Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands iye e alléghewow mellól Article XI, Tálil 5(c) mellól Allégh Lapalap Northern Mariana Islands. Schóókka eyoor máfiyeer nge rebwe isisilong aghiyghiir, awewee, aingiingil reel pomwol akkilonul ammwelil falúweer toulap mebwal Alléghúl Toulap ye 15-2, e ayoora, lamal awewee kka rebwe mweiti ngáli milikka ebwe akkatéélo.

i. Pomwol akkilonul falúweer toulap nge ekke bwáári Lot No.027 E 02, faawu sangaras limeigh me eliigh llapal (4, 530 square meters), elapeló me ngáre eghús, elo Lower Base, Seipél Tilighial bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyool Falúweer Toulap (Public Lands) ngáre óubwe ghuley fischiy.

ii. Schéschéél schóól akkilon nge JL Reyes Incorporated, CNMI Corporation. Mwiischil samwool kkey (Directors) mellól Corporation nge Juan S. Reyes, Dolores R. Tudela, me Leticia D. Reyes.

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iii. Schóól aweweel akkilon nge Mr. Juan S. Reyes.

iv. Schóól akkilon ebwe yááli bwuley me mwóghut ágheli bisinisil pwol (contracting), construction, offices, peiraghil warehouse, me akkááw mwóghutul.

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Pomwol akkilon ye llól alongal ráágh nge ebwe mwir sángi llapal méél falúw ( value of the property).

v. Tilighial akkilon yeel nge emmwel óubwe bwughi mereel bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, elo aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) me Joeten Dandan Commercial Building llol Tuturam, Seipél; aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) mellól Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Luuta; me ngáre mmwal pwó (1st floor) mellól Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.

vi. Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge esáál bweibwogh mwo pomwol akkilon ye elo Lower Base, Seipel.

vii. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, aingiingil mereel amweyút mmwal Ottuubre (October) 14, 2010 mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap iye elo Seipél, Luuta, Tchúlúyól.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Cub Scouts who took part in the Raingutter Regatta hosted by Cub Scout Pack 913 last Oct. 6 pose with their boats for a group shot. Winner Carl Lambat is in the front row, second from left.

# Lambat wins annual Raingutter Regatta

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Cub Scout Carl Lambat bested nine other Cub Scouts as he emerged the overall winner of the 3rd Annual Raingutter Regatta held on Oct. 6.

Lambat and his boat *The Black Dragon* won the boat race in a standard rain gutter 10 feet long placed on a table and filled to the top with water.

The Cub Scouts propelled the boats by blowing on the sail. Each Cub Scout had the opportunity to race eight times.

The annual event is the sailboat equivalent of the Pinewood Derby and is hosted by the Cub Scout Pack 913.

Cub Scout Master Christina Smith said all 10 Cub Scouts constructed a sailboat from a kit consisting of a seven-inch long balsa wood hull, a 6 ½ inch mast, plastic sail, plastic rudder, and metal keel.

"Within the basic design rules, the Cub Scouts were free to paint, decorate, and name their sailboats as they choose," Smith told *Saipan Tribune*.

Other participants for the Raingutter Regatta were Amon McGuire, Ben Esplin, Arthur Sondheim, Richard Tuam-iam, Elias Lowe, Cole Chambers, Logan Mister, Spencer Dickinson, and Cyrus Rose.

Cub Scout Pack 913, chartered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, holds weekly Den meetings and four Pack meetings a year.

These meetings showcase recognized Cub Scout events such as the Raingutter Regatta, the Pinewood Derby, the Father/Son Cakebake, and Cubmobile Races.

# Commerce eyes former Honolulu mayor as keynote speaker in economic summit

A former Honolulu mayor has been invited to be the keynote speaker for the second "Economic Restoration Summit" slated for next year.

Commerce secretary Michael Ada confirmed that their office already sent out the invitation to Muliufi Francis "Mufi" Hannemann.

Hannemann

Hannemann served as the 12th mayor of the city and county of Honolulu in Hawaii from January 2, 2005 to July 20, 2010.

Hannemann also served as a special assistant with the Department of Interior and the chairman of the Honolulu City Council.

"He ran the biggest island economy and we can learn a lot from his perspective," said the commerce secretary.

Ada said they are also looking at inviting industry experts on agriculture, aquaculture, education, and call centers to address the participants of the summit.

According to Ada, the Economic Restoration Summit slated for January 2011 is made possible through an approved $85,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Last year's two-day summit outlined four major industries that the CNMI will focus its efforts on developing: agriculture, aquaculture, edu-tourism and call centers. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Controversial citizenship proposal on *John Gonzales Live*

The controversial proposal to give longtime nonresident workers in the CNMI U.S. citizenship will be the topic this week in *John Gonzales Live*.

The guest will be Northern Marianas Descent for Self Government and Indigenous Rights and former House speaker Oscar C. Rasa.

*John Gonzales Live* airs Wednesday and replays on Sunday and Monday. ***(PR)***

### CRA to host a congressional debate/forum

The Commonwealth Retirement Association is hosting a public debate/forum for the four candidates running for the position of CNMI congressional representative.

The debate/forum is scheduled at 6pm today, Oct. 12, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The group urges all its members to attend to wrap up the unfinished business from the last general meeting on Sept. 23.Although the debate/forum is free, donation is encouraged to assist the Commonwealth Retirement Association in its activities.

The group is urging the members to attend the debate/forum and "hear the messages directly from the four candidates." ***(PR)***

### Cha Cha Jr. High 1Q progress report out

Cha Cha Ocean View Jr. High School release its First Quarter Mid-Progress Report and hold its open house on Oct. 15 from 4pm to 5:30pm at school cafeteria.

Please call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100 if you have any question or concerns. ***(PR)***

### Increased service to Tinian and Rota thanks to ARRA grant

Micronesian Legal Services Corp. will be on Tinian for new client applications on Oct. 7 and 15, 2010 (daytime). You can call us at 234-7729 in advance for an appointment or stop by the Tinian Courthouse during our visit.

Micronesian Legal Services Corp. will be on Rota for new client applications on October 8, 2010 (daytime). You can call us at 234-7729 in advance for an appointment or stop by the Rota Courthouse during our visit. ***(PR)***

### Oleai Elementary School PTSA meeting on Oct. 12

Oleai Elementary School's Parents, Teachers, and Students Association will have a meeting on Oct. 12, beginning 6:15pm at the school cafeteria. Everyone is encouraged to attend. ***(PR)***

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### Oct. 12, 1999

**CPA seeks additional land for Saipan Harbor**

Commonwealth Ports Authority Executive Director Carlos H. Salas has asked the Board of Public Lands to transfer to CPA some 39 acres of land at Tanapag Harbor for the development of Saipan Harbor. With the completion of the $42 million Port of Saipan expansion project, the CNMI is now equipped to market the Port of Saipan as a cargo transshipment port in the region, Salas said in a letter addressed to Manuel P. Villagomez, board chairman of BPL. Three years ago, the United States released to the Commonwealth the leasehold interest in 39 acres of the 44-acre Covenant leaseback land at Tanapag Harbor.

**Disabilities Council seeks changes to ID card bill**

The Governor's Disabilities Council has asked the Senate leadership to enlist persons with disabilities in the bill that would authorize the issuance of identification cards to certain residents in the CNMI. The council was referring to House Bill 11-197, which seeks to authorize minors, senior citizens, and individuals from the Freely Associated States to obtain identification cards from the Office of the Mayor for each senatorial district. Thomas Camacho, executive director of the council, said citizens with disabilities could also benefit if they were included in the measure. Camacho said businesses that provide discounted prices and services often offer such privileges only to students and senior citizens who are 59 years and older.

### Oct. 12, 2000

**DPS recommends strict control of weapons**

Public Safety Commissioner Charles W. Ingram Jr., yesterday recommended strict control to ensure security of firearms and ammunition coming into and leaving the CNMI in the proposed measure amending the Weapons Control Act. Mr. Ingram proposed that compliance and inspection be made by the Department of Public Safety. "They should be able to make unannounced compliance inspections at reasonable times," he said in a letter to Sen. Pete P. Reyes, Chair of the Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs. HB 12-212 aims to entice major developers of shooting resorts which offer target ranges for rifle competition and skeet shooting with the use of shotguns. The measure which already passed in the House of Representatives is now awaiting action in the Senate.

**Leaders want better site for Kagman high school**

House leaders are currently in search of a better location for the proposed Kagman High School, citing the school facility should be positioned on a site that has ample room for future expansions. The planned high school which is eyed to occupy the space beside the new elementary and the proposed junior public high schools in Kagman is reportedly too narrow to accommodate the anticipated growth in student population. "It's too small and there would be no room for expansion. And if you take a look at our population, it is increasing," Rep. Tom Pangelinan pointed out during a meeting between Public School System officials and lawmakers Tuesday.

### Oct. 12, 2001

**OFWs urge RP gov't to pass absentee voting bill**

A group of Filipino workers in the Commonwealth will launch Sunday a worldwide signature campaign to urge the Philippine government to allow overseas workers to vote.

A petition letter of overseas Filipinos to the Philippine government, spearheaded by the Multi-Sectoral Overseas Filipino Workers Movement, urged OFWs to hands in pressing for the immediate passage of the bill that will provide OFWs the right to vote during the national elections. MOVER President Jhun D. Banadera said the signature campaign has been going on all over the world. The group aims to collect one million signature to press the Philippine government to approve the enabling law. MOVER Inc., will lead the campaign on Sunday at the Kilili Beach in Susupe. The program will start at 12:30pm.

**Social Security announces change In policy**

The Social Security Administration has changed its policy with respect to the treatment of individuals who received benefits from the former Northern Mariana Islands Social Security System. The NMISSS was merged with the US Social Security on January 1, 1987. Since that time the continued entitlement of former NMISSS beneficiaries has been based on NMISSS law, even in cases where US Social Security rules were more advantageous. Social Security has now changed its position and will make entitlement determinations based on whichever rules are most advantageous.

# Island Snapshots

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## ARC DANCE EVENT

American Red Cross NMI Chapter's High School Youth Dance was held recently as a big thank you to the organization's various donors and participants.

## KOREAN FESTIVAL

Korean dancers perform in their vibrant costumes and use fans as a prop.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

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Korean dancers entertain the audience with a dance number during last week's 2010 Korean Festival held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

## HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happy 49-year anniversary to the greatest parents ever– Tico and Bedy Diaz–and many more years to come. Love you lots, from your kids, grandkids, and great grandkids!

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## ADVANCE HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Advance happy birthday to Tom "Jammer" Diaz and many more to come! We love you, greetings from your family.

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## BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT

Happy birthday to Gloria Pagarao who is celebrating her birthday today, Oct. 12. May you have many more birthdays to come and God bless! Greetings from your Joeten Ace Hardware family.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday Eddie Diaz and many more to come! We love you, greetings from your family.

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## WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN WORLD

Happy christening to Lorenzo Darrow Santos Sablan. May you be filled with guidance and most especially the blessing of the Lord. From Mommy, Daddy, sister, and the Santos and Sablan families.

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# Opinion

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EDITORIAL

## US energy policy: It's complicated

In 1979, solar panels blossomed there, installed by President Carter to symbolize his commitment to weaning the country off oil. Seven years later, President Reagan took them down; at the time, a White House spokesman said the panels were in the way of a repair job, but few missed the symbolic significance of the move. President George H.W. Bush later put up a smaller array to heat the White House pool. That was it for presidential photovoltaics until this week, when a pair of senior Obama administration officials announced that new panels would go up to heat water and provide some electricity at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

President Obama is taking a risk by making a symbolic gesture that so clearly links him to Carter, who lost favor with Americans after donning a sweater and urging them to make personal sacrifices for the sake of energy conservation. To many environmentalists, Carter is a hero whose energy initiatives might have saved the nation from its current environmental and economic troubles if they hadn't been mostly dismantled under Reagan. But for conservatives, he was a scold whose ideas were disproved when Reagan's free-market policies seemed to have a bigger role in ending the energy crisis than Carter's attempts at market manipulation. Neither side is entirely right, or wrong. But by now we should have learned enough from the successes and failures of the two presidents to produce a coherent energy strategy — if only Congress weren't too paralyzed by partisan bickering to enact one.

Carter certainly made some mistakes. His green apologists often forget that he was a big booster of coal. His goal was to reduce the nation's reliance on oil and end the price spikes of the 1970s; climate change wasn't yet on the political radar, and few understood that emissions from coal-fired power plants were producing an atmospheric buildup of carbon dioxide that was altering the planet's temperature. Hence, Carter backed policies discouraging the use of oil for generating electricity and encouraging coal-fueled power instead. Carter also tried to encourage the extraction of oil from shale, an environmentally disastrous practice.

He also continued to impose price controls that had been established under President Nixon after the Arab oil embargo of 1973. But the federal ceiling on the per-barrel oil price discouraged oil companies from exploring for new supply, thus causing the very shortage of oil that Carter so feared. Reagan quickly eliminated the ceiling, which is part of the reason prices stabilized and remained relatively low for more than two decades afterward. Price controls were so thoroughly discredited that they're seldom mentioned anymore in the national energy debate, for which we have Reagan to thank.

But we're finished criticizing Carter and praising Reagan. Many of Carter's remarks about energy seem prescient today, when global demand for oil is again outstripping supply (a problem temporarily eased but not solved by the economic crisis), the nation's reliance on oil is creating foreign policy nightmares, and we face a climate threat caused by the burning of fossil fuels whose urgency is being increasingly clear.

Carter, who created the Department of Energy (which Reagan tried to eliminate), approved generous tax credits for home installation of solar panels, backed groundbreaking energy-efficiency standards for appliances and buildings, encouraged tighter automotive fuel efficiency standards and called for

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## Taiwan's Double Ten National Day

**By JAIME VERGARA**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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October 10 was the National Day of the Republic of China (ROC), referred to as Taiwan, replacing Formosa in international circles when the ROC lost recognition as the official China representative in the United Nations. The Peoples Republic of China (PRC) in Beijing took the honors.

Ilha Formosa is a Portuguese term to identify the cluster of islands north of Batanes, Philippines. It was ruled by the Qing Dynasty though briefly occupied by the Dutch and the Spanish. The Hakka warlord Koxinga (Zheng Cheng-gong) loyal to the Mings defeated the Dutch and moved his operation to Formosa. The Manchu Qings defeated the Mings, and the islands were later ceded to Japan.

The Double Ten celebration in Taipei last year was cancelled with the festivity budget spent to repair the destruction and alleviate the suffering caused by typhoon Morakot. A great humanitarian gesture, it was also a deft political move since Double Ten came immediately following the military display on the 60th anniversary parade of mainland China's PRC a week earlier. It also complemented China's national and provincial actions after the Sichuan earthquake of 2008.

The in-your-face politics that followed the end of military conflict in 1949 had the ROC show military might on national day parades, abetted by Uncle Sam's technology. In 1964, a flyby F-104 fighter jet struck a broadcasting tower dropping its fuel tank that killed three people on the ground including a mother and her child. The two partner planes assigned to locate the hobbled jet collided, killing its two pilots. No military parade has been held ever since.

Next year, the ROC will mark the 100th year anniversary of its founding, commemorating the Wuchang uprising in Wuhan in 1911 that eventually led reformist Sun Yat-sen to shift to higher gear, and the Qing dynasty to abdicate the Imperial throne.

The Wuchang uprising in Wuhan triggered the Xinhai rebellion, planned by the reformist who took exception to the Qing Dynasty's weakness in allowing foreign contingents into China (the British, Germans, Russians, French, and Japanese were all allowed into Wuhan, way into the interior of the Yangtze way beyond the traditional foreign quarters of Shanghai), and the lording of the minority Manchu over the Han majority.

Wuchang was a modern industry town hosting the New Army being groomed by the Qing dynasty. An accidental bomb explosion at an ordnance factory led to the revelation that many of the young New Army officers were sympathetic to the reform movement of Sun Yat-sen. Before the officers could be arrested, they executed a coup triggering the Xinhai rebellion in Shanghai.

Today, with the one-China policy of both the ROC and the PRC, belligerency has become a function of propaganda. In fact, tourism both ways across the Taiwan straits is encouraged, and Taiwan investments in downtown Beijing is publicly in display. The belligerency is that of the yin-yang; there's no permanent final solution sought, only the maintenance of balance and harmony so that no one loses face.

Uncle Sam, on the other hand, remains militarily belligerent against China and its massive military support of Taipei, its current flirtation with Vietnam, and its continuing presence in the Philippines, rankle foreign policy makers in Beijing.

The times, however, have changed. National governments may still maintain the illusion of sovereignty when corporations and international agencies are beginning to weave a network of global interrelatedness that make national governments instruments of decision-making rather than elaborate struts of arrogance. The CNMI budget fiasco is a microcosm of American life; it has not resulted in the shutdown of CNMI existence, which only proves the non-essential nature of many governmental functions. Currency rate is a more persuasive indicator of communal health than political posturing. Obama can say what he wants, but for as long as America can still borrow from the Chinese, the demands of currency flow will prevail.

Taiwan represents what the rest of the world is presently undergoing, the journey on the road from empire (shaking off both dynastic China and militaristic Amerika) to eco-democracy. The ROC reformist movements was egalitarian influenced by political reforms in the collapsing colonial empires elsewhere; the proletarian vision of Mao and the PRC influenced by socialist thought married the communalism of Zhongguo-ren.

The old categorization of 98 percent Han and 2 percent Taiwanese (Malay) is coming down, with the emergence of the migrant Hoklo consciousness from southern Fujian (majority) and the non-conformist nomadic Hakka pride from coastal Guangdong. Taiwan democracy may not be the New England town meeting variety, but it is a legitimate expression of its own sans Sino Han influence, a consequence of the emergent consciousness in our Ecozoic Era. The rapacious nature of commerce has almost devastated Taiwan's ecology but with China's rhetoric on environmental sustainability, both entities foregoing military belligerency can mutually face a common future.

BTW, Chamorros who are irritated by their haughty posturing Filipino cousins can also identify with the Taiwanese. Same DNA!

Taiwan can decide not on whether it remains the perceived U.S. satellite that it is breaking away from, or be an integral part of China, but on whether China together can temper its ancient prejudices and rebuild an eco-democratic Eaarth.

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FEDERAL ELECTION LAW

# What CNMI voters and candidates need to know

*"It's not the hand that signs the laws that holds the destiny of America. It's the hand that casts the ballot." –**Harry S. Truman***

Two recent events have changed how elections are conducted in the CNMI. On May 8, 2008, President George W. Bush signed into law the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008, Public Law 110-229. Section 711 of the CNRA provided for representation of the CNMI in the U.S. House of Representatives. Then, in November of last year, the voters of the CNMI passed Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11, to hold elections in the Commonwealth only in even-numbered years to coincide with the elections for the Congressional Delegate. The effect of these two events was to convert all CNMI elections to "federal" elections, that is, elections in which a federal candidate is on the ballot, and to apply federal election law to every CNMI election from now on.

This means the federal government now has jurisdiction to prosecute violations of federal election law, including election fraud, patronage crimes, and campaign financing violations. Some of these violations are, and have been, prohibited by CNMI law; others may have been tolerated under local law, or may even be considered customary or acceptable local practice. CNMI voters and candidates for political office—not just those running for the Congressional Delegate seat–should inform themselves about the requirements of these laws.

This series of columns is the first step in the process. It is intended to provide CNMI voters and candidates basic information about Federal election crimes. Part 1 provides a summary of the federal law on election fraud. Part 2 deals with patronage crimes. And Part 3 concerns prohibited political activity by public officials.

## Part 1: Election fraud

Election fraud generally involves corruption of the process of registering voters, or in obtaining, marking, casting, and counting the ballots. Free and fair elections are critical to the health of a democracy. Elections ensure the peaceful transition of power from one administration to the next, and assure the consent of the governed. When the election process is corrupted, democracy is in jeopardy. For that reason, the prosecution of election fraud is one of the Department of Justice's top priorities.

As important as free and fair elections are to our democracy, the principle responsibility for overseeing elections falls to the states and commonwealths. The federal government's role in elections is the criminal prosecution of those who commit election crimes. Except for ensuring equal access to voters at the polls pursuant to the Voting Rights Act, the federal government does not monitor or oversee elections at polling places.

Federal election fraud includes:

- ***Paying voters to register or vote.*** The prohibition on "vote buying" is intentionally broad under Federal law, and includes anything of monetary value. So, for example, if a candidate or anyone acting on behalf of that candidate offered to pay $300 to a person to induce him to vote, that would be a Federal crime. Another example of a crime would be if a candidate or anyone acting on behalf of that candidate offered to pay a voter's utility bill or a medical bill for a family member.
- ***Conspiring to suppress voter participation.*** Voter suppression schemes are designed to ensure election of a favored candidate by discouraging participation by voters who support, or who are believed to support, another candidate. Examples of voter suppression schemes include providing misleading information about polling places or hours, to trick voters into showing up at the wrong place or time. Such schemes also include distribution of mailers intended to keep prospective voters away from the polls, by making them think they might be arrested if there were questions about their eligibility to vote.
- ***"Ballot theft."*** Impersonating another voter, altering their ballot, or otherwise causing a vote to be cast in the voter's name without his or her consent, is at the crux of this violation. Some schemes involve the perpetrator aggressively "assisting" voters but not letting them choose who to vote for, such as in nursing homes. Absentee ballots, which are marked and cast outside of polling places, have often been used in this type of fraud.
- ***Voter intimidation.*** Any kind of physical assault or threat designed to keep people from voting is obviously against the law. But the law prohibits more than just physical assaults and threats of physical harm. Threats of *economic* harm–such as non-renewal of an employment contract of a voter or a voter's family member, or cancellation of valuable government leases–are also criminal acts if intended to coerce voters into supporting a favored candidate or to refrain from supporting another candidate.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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- ***Voting more than once.*** In Chicago, a city famous for its past election fraud, gangster Al Capone once quipped that people should "vote early, and often." But federal law allows only one vote per person.
- ***Ballot-box stuffing.*** Elections officials acting under color of law may be prosecuted for tossing out valid registrations or ballots, rendering false vote counts, or otherwise preventing valid registrations or ballots from being counted.
- ***Fraudulent registration or voting.*** Federal law prohibits submitting fictitious names to election officials, or registering convicted felons, aliens, or nonresidents, with the intent of qualifying those 'voters' to vote in an election.

Prosecution of election crimes can be challenging. It can take a long time for evidence of election fraud to be detected. People with direct knowledge of such crimes are often reluctant to come forward and tell what they know. In order to detect, investigate and prosecute election crimes, documentation of the registration and voting process must be retained by election officials for a sufficient period to allow credible evidence of voter fraud to surface. Federal law requires that all *original* documentation generated in connection with the registration and voting process be retained for at least 22 months. Any election officer who willfully fails to keep covered election records is subject to prosecution.

Anyone with information concerning possible election fraud should contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation and ask to speak with the FBI's Election Crimes Coordinator, at 322-6934, or AUSA Jim Benedetto, the District Election Officer for the CNMI, at the United States Attorney's Office in Saipan, at 236-2980. All calls are confidential, and any person who retaliates against a witness who has given information to Federal law enforcement authorities is subject to serious criminal penalties.

## Letter to the Editor

# Will the insanity never end?

One can hardly be more eloquent than Tina Sablan or Ed Propst in their letters to the Editor. Had either of them been the governor during the last four years, the CNMI would be a far better place. The reason? They (as well as many of the silent majority) are honest folk who deeply care about the future of the CNMI.

Had there been a governor in power who based decisions on what is best for the citizens, than we wouldn't be drowning in this present day quagmire. The governor, and by extension the Covenant Party, has proven historically that their interests lie in self-enrichment, that there is a distinct pattern of corruption, dishonesty, and unethical practices, and that nothing is being done constructively to benefit the kind citizens of the CNMI.

A simple review of the news over the past five years makes it painfully clear to anyone who can read and assimilate patterns and use common sense that the ruling party has forsaken its duties to the citizens of the CNMI. And while the governor is quick to point fingers at others and blame the House, the Senate, the world economy, the feds, terrorists, and space aliens, it is arguably the very person pointing those fingers who has lead the CNMI into such dire straits.

When the Covenants motto during the election was give us four more years to accomplish what we have started, no one could imagine how quickly they succeeded in accomplishing their goals. Those goals evidently being bankrupting the economy through self-serving decisions, spending (or wasting) money well beyond the budget, and virtually single-handedly causing the shutdown of the government. Lots of firsts for CNMI history. I wonder what the history books will eventually say. Think of the unique legacy the governor will leave behind. On the other hand, had there been someone with a proven history of honesty and transparency as the governor, such as the ever-smiling Tina Sablan, it would have been most unlikely that the CNMI would be wallowing in such a hull-rotted, termite-infested sinking ship. Over the years I have read many decent, well-bred ideas to improve the economy and thus the wellbeing of the islands. Not one of those ideas had ever been brought to fruition by the current leaders.

Many of the more well-thought out ideas include encouraging investments, increasing tourism, making energy and utilities cost-effective and more modern, improving the cost-effectiveness of the government and the list goes on. Instead, we are subjected to the worst-run government in the history of the CNMI, whose notoriety was to bankrupt the economy, wreak revenge against any non-supporters, hire costly lawyers, consultants, and sycophants while there is supposedly a hiring freeze, and get caught with the proverbial pants down in the middle of the night causing the international news to paint the CNMI and its governor as, well less than respectable. What a laughing stock we have become. This ruling party never should have been in power. It's shameful and embarrassing to watch the so-called political process in action. Actually, referring to this as a political process is much too kind a description; dictatorship would be much more accurate.

It will take either the people of the CNMI to oust this government and place someone honest and corrupt-free in the leadership (hmmm now that would an historical first) or have the feds come in and clean house. Otherwise, things will only get worse (The governor has, indeed, stated that we haven't hit the bottom, yet). Can one imagine what the next fiscal year will bring? On a positive note, I give thanks to the House minority bloc and the Senate who at least had the cojones to stand up to the governor and his minions.

Senate President Paul Manglona and the minority members have acted as a balance against the Dictatorship. And they stood their ground against the biggest slap in the face to the voters: Speaker Froilan Tenorio's quixotic attempt to stuff the casino nightmare down our throats again and again. We are all happy that a compromise has been made and government employees are back to work. However, it should never have come to this in the first place had the ruling party not been so self-serving, corrupt, and inept over the last few years. To them we owe our current plight. It is now all too obvious where the real and deep-rooted problem begins. Reading the editorials, the letters-to-the-editor, the blogs, the local news, as well as listening to many islanders, it is clear what the people feel about the governor and the Covenant Party—they are fed up.

As Ed Propst succinctly quoted: We are fed up and not going to take this anymore. And the latest absurdity is the governor's response to the desk audit. Recently, the governor spent $300,000 of federal funds for an independent desk audit. The last audit had been decades ago. The audit found as predicted a lot of wasteful practices, overstaffing, and mismanagement. This audit was only for DPS and DCCA. The recommendations for those two departments alone would save the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars as well as make them run more efficiently.

Now imagine if the desk audit included the entire government. Whew, what savings could be realized. After this independent audit came out with some very practical and cost-saving suggestions, the governor's spokesperson stated: The recommendations of the audit review team are not binding. These are policy decisions that will be made in accordance with the best interests of the Commonwealth.

Huh? This can only be interpreted as governor-speak to say that no changes are forthcoming, that the best interests of the Commonwealth do not include reducing the legions of government overstaffing and saving millions of dollars annually, and that we certainly don't want to raise the wrath of all those worthless political appointees. Common sense dictates that the best interests of the Commonwealth would be to follow the recommendations of the experts hired to do the desk audit, ultimately save the taxpayers millions of dollars annually as well as produce a more efficient and responsive government. But it appears that the governor has already axed these recommendations. Will this insanity never end?

**Bill Weiss**
*Via email*

# The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds around 10 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
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## Micronesia

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|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Thunderstorms | ▲86 | ▼77 |
| Palau | Rain | ▲85 | ▼77 |
| Yap | Showers | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲82 | ▼77 |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | ▲84 | ▼75 |
| Kosrae | Showers | ▲89 | ▼76 |
| Majuro | Showers | ▲85 | ▼76 |

## Around The Globe

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|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Showers | ▲60 | ▼54 |
| Beijing | Partly Cloudy | ▲69 | ▼49 |
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲86 | ▼79 |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼75 |
| London | Partly Cloudy | ▲58 | ▼49 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲82 | ▼60 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲87 | ▼81 |
| Melbourne | Partly Cloudy | ▲72 | ▼60 |
| Miami | Partly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼71 |
| New York | Partly Cloudy | ▲75 | ▼57 |
| Osaka | Partly Cloudy | ▲80 | ▼66 |
| Paris | Sunny | ▲62 | ▼41 |
| Pusan | Partly Cloudy | ▲76 | ▼64 |
| Rome | Mostly Cloudy | ▲78 | ▼59 |
| Salem | Mostly Sunny | ▲64 | ▼43 |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | ▲80 | ▼59 |
| Seoul | Mostly Cloudy | ▲68 | ▼58 |
| Tokyo | Partly Cloudy | ▲76 | ▼67 |
| Washington, DC | Mostly Sunny | ▲87 | ▼63 |

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

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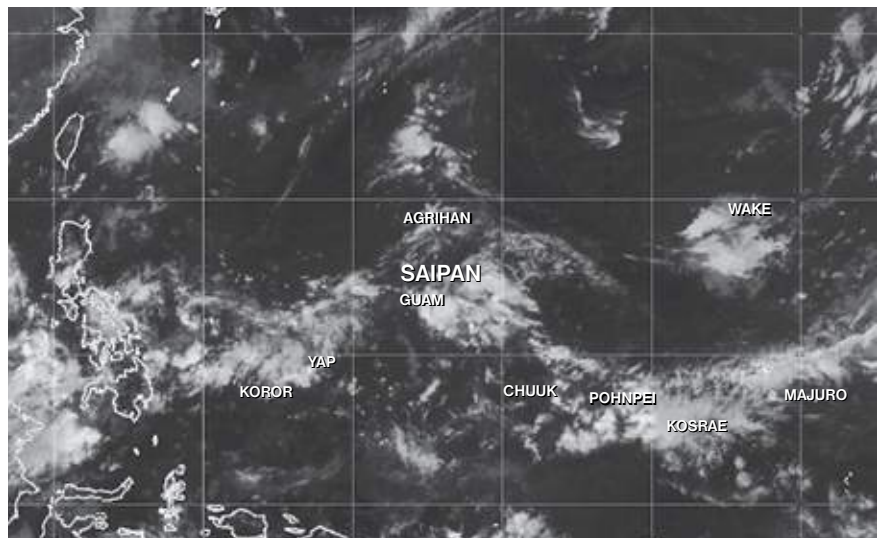
| 4:40 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.4 Feet |
| 11:48 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 5:13 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.2 Feet |
| 9:49 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2010**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough north of the cnmi stretches northeastward from 21N144E to beyond 25N146E. An upper-level low centered northwest of Pagan island near 20N143E is helping to produce scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 80 miles of the trough axis. A low-level circulation west of Wake Island near 18N163E is combining with upper-level divergence to generate scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 15N and 19N from 162E to 167E. A monsoon trough extends eastward from the southern Philippines through a weak circulation centered west-northwest of Koror near 10N129E to another circulation near Guam near 14N146E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found in two areas. The first is north of Yap and Koror within 120 miles of a line from 10N130E to 11N136E to 13N139E. The second is over the Marianas between 10N and 16N from 144E to 152E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers from Pohnpei across Kosrae and Kwajalein to northeast of Majuro between 4N and 9N from 154E to 168E and between 8N and 18N from 170E to 180.

## Sunrise/Sunset

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| Today | 6:08 AM | 5:59 PM |
| Wednesday | 6:08 AM | 5:58 PM |
| Thursday | 6:08 AM | 5:58 PM |
| Friday | 6:09 AM | 5:57 PM |
| Saturday | 6:09 AM | 5:56 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

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| Today | 10:17 AM | 9:45 PM |
| Wednesday | 11:12 AM | 10:41 PM |
| Thursday | 12:03 PM | 11:35 PM |
| Friday | 12:49 PM | |
| Saturday | 11:03 PM | 12:27 AM |

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 12, 2010

### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM**

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| C09317 | 4:25am | 5:15am | Daily |
| C09313 | 7:55am | 8:45am | 3, 6 |
| C09313 | 8:30am | 9:20am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09601 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09603 | 3:05pm | 3:55pm | Daily |
| C09605 | 6:20pm | 7:10pm | Daily |
| C09599 | 9:30pm | 10:20pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

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| DL287 | 6:00am | 8:35am | Daily |
| DL285 | 6:40am | 9:15am | Daily |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:15pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

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| OZ608 | 3:20am | 6:50am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

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| OZ604 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ604 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ606 | 3:30pm | 7:00pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

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| FM844 | 2:50am | 5:40am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

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| OZ604/701 | 2:20am | 11:25am | 1 via ICN |
| C09316/893 | 2:45am | 9:00am | 3, 6 via GUM |
| OZ604/701 | 2:50am | 11:25am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| DL287/173 | 6:00am | 10:55pm | Daily via NRT |
| C09603/933 | 3:05pm | 8:40pm | Daily via GUM |
| C09599/PR111 | 9:30pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG**

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| OZ604/721 | 2:20am | 11:45am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ604/721 | 2:50am | 11:45am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| C09603/909 | 3:05pm | 9:25pm | 1, 5 via GUM |

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**GUAM-SAIPAN**

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| C09316 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| C09596 | 6:35am | 7:25am | 3, 6 |
| C09596 | 7:00am | 7:50am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09600 | 10:05am | 10:55am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09602 | 1:40pm | 2:30pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09604 | 5:00pm | 5:50pm | Daily |
| C09606 | 8:00pm | 8:50pm | Daily |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| DL286 | 3:50pm | 8:25am | Daily |
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:05pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:40pm | 1:15am+1 | Daily |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

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| OZ607 | 9:00pm | 2:20am+1 | 4, 7 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

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| OZ605 | 9:00am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| OZ603 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ603 | 8:10pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

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| FM843 | 7:15pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

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| OZ704/605 | 12:10am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN |
| DL172/173 | 7:50am | 1:10am+1 | Daily via NRT |
| OZ702/603 | 12:45pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/603 | 12:45pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| C0892/9316 | 4:15pm | 3:35am+1 | 3, 6 via GUM |
| PR110/C0596 | 10:00pm | 7:25am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| C0934/9596 | 10:55pm | 7:50am+1 | Daily via GUM |

**HONG KONG-SAIPAN**

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| OZ722/603 | 1:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/603 | 1:15pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| C0910/9596 | 10:30pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |

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| **Rota–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily |
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
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| FRE 113 | 11:40 | 11:50 | Daily |
| FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| **Tinian–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
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# Help from his friends

**By JON WIENER**
Los Angeles Times

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In 1972, John Lennon had a problem.

He and his wife, Yoko Ono, had been living in New York for a year, and they wanted to stay. But it happened also to be the year President Nixon was running for re-election. Opposition to the Vietnam War had reached a peak, and Lennon and Ono often showed up at antiwar rallies to sing "Give Peace a Chance"—and to tell their fans that the best way to give peace a chance was to vote against Nixon.

The Nixon White House responded by ordering Lennon deported.

The administration said Lennon had been admitted to the country improperly. He had pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of cannabis possession in London in 1968, and immigration law at the time banned the admission of anyone convicted of any drug offense.

But unlike most migrants who have problems with their legal status, Lennon and Ono had powerful friends who petitioned the Immigration and Naturalization Service on their behalf.

In honor of what would have been Lennon's 70th birthday this month, I pulled a box from my garage containing documents I obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request about Lennon's deportation case. The government's response included copies of hundreds of letters sent to the INS, and they revealed the different and fascinating ways artists, writers and others tried to make the case that Lennon should not be kicked out of the country.

The letters were not a spontaneous expression of enthusiasm. Rather, they were part of an organized campaign of the country's cultural elite to stop the Nixon administration from deporting the ex-Beatle. Joan Baez wrote a letter; Beat poet Gregory Corso wrote one. So did novelists John Updike and Joyce Carol Oates, painter Jasper Johns and composer John Cage, Leonard Bernstein and Joseph Heller.

Bob Dylan's offering, written sometime in 1972, was in his own bold hand. "John and Yoko inspire and transcend and stimulate," he wrote, and thereby "help put an end to this mild dull taste of petty commercialism which is being passed off as artist art by the overpowering mass media." Then he added, "Let John and Yoko stay!"

Some of the letters couldn't help but preach: Baez's handwritten note informed the INS that "keeping people confined to certain areas of the world" was "one of the reasons we've had six thousand years of war instead of six thousand years of peace."

Others were more conciliatory: Oates had never been part of the counterculture; she made that clear in a long letter that concluded, "I certainly don't endorse many of their publicly-expressed opinions, but I believe that they, and anyone else, have the right to those opinions."

Heller expressed "horror" at the deportation order, declaring: "The two of them are among our most valuable cultural assets."

Bernstein's telegram was brief: "John Lennon has been an important creative force in music and petry (sic)."

Dylan, Baez, Heller and Bernstein were well known as opponents of Nixon and the war, but Lennon's supporters included some surprising names. Updike in 1971 had just published a sequel to "Rabbit Run," titled "Rabbit Redux," which expressed some hostility toward "the sixties." Nevertheless, his typewritten letter declared his support for exemplary counterculture figures. Lennon and Ono "cannot do this great country any harm," he said, "and might do it some good."

Hollywood people were mostly missing from the list of supporters, with one notable exception: Tony Curtis, who had starred in more than 60 films by 1972, including "Some Like It Hot" with Marilyn Monroe and "The Defiant Ones," in which he played a racist convict chained to Sidney Poitier. His letter was brief: "The presence of John Lennon and Yoko Ono is of cultural advantage to our country."

Lennon also had some high-profile political support, including New York Mayor John Lindsay. Lennon and Ono's talent put them "among the greatest of our time," Lindsay wrote, and "a grave injustice is being perpetuated" by the deportation proceedings.

Finally there was Corso, the New York poet who was friends with Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg. He wrote 12 words: "Artisans and universal mega-galactic entities—Ergo, let my people go—stay—etc." That must have helped.

The "let them stay in the USA" campaign also included thousands of ordinary young people. The 1972 Lennon-Ono album "Sometime in New York City" included a petition for fans to send to the INS, and lots of them did.

The campaign didn't change Nixon's mind. The Lennon deportation proceedings continued even after Nixon's reelection in 1972, and then through the Watergate crisis. In the end, of course, Nixon left the White House, and Lennon—and Ono—stayed in the United States.

In October 1975, 35 years ago this week, a three-judge federal panel ruled in Lennon's favor, declaring that his conviction in Britain didn't meet American standards of justice. "We have always found a place for those committed to the spirit of liberty and willing to help implement it," the court added. "Lennon's four-year battle to remain in our country is testimony to his faith in the American dream."

But the resolution of Lennon and Ono's fight did little to loosen the way immigration officials handle the requests of cultural icons to visit or stay in the country. In the post-9/11 world, things have gotten even tighter, with artists and musicians finding it difficult to get permission even to come to the United States.

Award-winning Iranian filmmaker Abbas Kiarostami was denied entry in 2002, and Finnish director Aki Kaurismaki boycotted the New York Film Festival in protest. Cellist Yo-Yo Ma testified before Congress in 2006 about the difficulties foreign musicians face getting visas to perform in the U.S. Things seem to be better with President Obama in the White House, but it's not hard to imagine another moment in the not-too-distant future when leading artists will be petitioning the immigration service again.

## US ENERGY

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generous federal funding of research into clean-energy alternatives. Much of this was approved by Congress but was almost entirely undone under Reagan, with disastrous consequences.

A booming solar power industry collapsed by the mid-1980s, killed in part by lower prices for electricity that made solar less competitive, but mostly by the elimination of Carter's tax credit. California is trying to jump-start the solar industry again by imposing carbon limits and setting a renewable power standard, none of which would be necessary if the business hadn't been strangled a quarter-century ago. Similarly, had Carter's research initiatives not been defunded by Reagan, it's likely that by now they would have resulted in technological innovations to reduce the price of renewable power and improve efficiency.

Reagan's disdain for automotive fuel economy standards was echoed by Congress, which failed to raise them again until 2007 after they hit a peak of 27.5 miles per gallon for passenger cars in 1985. Had the standards continued to rise, cars in the United States would doubtless be at least as fuel efficient as they are in Europe and Japan, saving untold billions of dollars from lower fuel consumption, not to mention billions of tons of greenhouse gases. Because the United States is by far the world's biggest consumer of oil, this would have significantly lessened both today's oil supply difficulties and our climate worries.

Carter's biggest mistake was political, not policy-based. A Navy veteran, he too-well remembered the personal sacrifices Americans had made during World War II and thought the energy crisis could produce similar feats of patriotic self-denial. But it was unrealistic to think that high gasoline prices would have the same rallying effect as a world war; Americans were turned off by his pleas to turn down the thermostat.

Putting the United States on a more sustainable energy path is about investment, not sacrifice. Americans don't have to live Third World lifestyles to reduce fossil fuel consumption, but they do have to be willing to spend a little now to make a lot more later. Wind farms and solar plants are expensive to install, but they get cheaper over time because their fuel is free.

The same principle applies to energy-efficient appliances, home weatherization, hybrid cars or a national cap-and-trade program: All have upfront costs but pay dividends down the road. Jobs in the fossil fuel industry would be lost if caps were imposed on carbon emissions but would be gained in clean-energy research, development and installation. And while heading off climate change or decreasing consumption of foreign oil would be costly, it would be far costlier to do nothing because of the economic havoc that would surely be wrought by rising temperatures and global unrest.

Obama could stand to do a better job of making that case. If he and Congress fail to act, Obama will, like Carter, be remembered as a president whose political skills didn't match his far-seeing policies. And the next president will just rip his solar panels off the White House roof.

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## Letters to the Editor

# What is really going on?

Dear Gov. Fitial and lawmakers,

Thank you for passing the balance budget. Now that you do, I personally would like all of you to address the community of what outcome are you projecting for this budget?

I would not ask for you to explain why he gets more and I don't, but I would like to know how would this decision benefit us? Would this budget help us all survive this growing economic depression we are facing and to prepare ourselves as the U.S. immigration takes over? Another growing issue is the CUC that charges very high fees that affects our lives and provides very poor service to the people of Saipan.

Did you pass the balance budget because of the people's wellbeing, or just to satisfy complaints made? I listen to what you all said and every word is we need to make money to spend money, and if we don't we might not make it. I also observed the action of many who continue to complain and not listen to what you are telling them. Don't you think as lawmakers it time to take action to explain and then start giving consequences to those who deserve it. One of this bad behavior is the critics who air out to the world our childish government behavior. There are many critics I read and friends from other countries read and we found it to be very unpleasant and made us worry, because if I'm a rich investors, no matter how attracted our island is and the residents behavior are all negative, I would surely be scare to invest in that country.

Another question is, when you say balance budget, what do you mean by this? Is this like an assurance budget or is it just base on what we are making right now?

I'm barely making a living and I'm wondering, if there is another shutdown coming our way, and if there is, are you making plans to address it? Because the way I see it we need to make money to spend money reality is becoming more realistic and I haven't heard anybody say we found the money maker, except for the Mayor of Tinian who went his way to try and bring at least the military.

The Tinian Mayor's Office has been supporting the shutdown since Gov. Babauta's term, by cutting their staff hours, and yet no one has ever acknowledge this. This shutdown or deficit problem has been with our government for almost 10 years and yet no one has ever come up with a plan to make at least a sustainable living income for everyone.

Don't you think, it would be a good idea to start checking the problems within our government system? And start with the federal programs, especially those who just sit back and do nothing to help those families who are being affect by this shutdown battle. I mean, I think it's time that we ask Uncle Sam to start training his employees to provide adequate services to the people of CNMI. Many of these employees I observe needs hands on training, to able to perform better service to our people. Many needs to be certified with U.S. standard qualification to be able to make adequate services and make adequate reports to Uncle Sam. A lot of these service providers just depend on what you tell them to do, but not what they are supposed to do. To me, who is knowledgeable to oversee these federal aids. These programs are supposed to be working closely with you to assist you in improving the quality of our living. Help protect our environment and our health.

Base on the articles I read on the news, the following facts remain questionable and scary.

We are loosing many investors in the past three years and our revenue continues to drop by large percentage.

There are no garanteed plans of sustaining the remaining investors.

No survey being made of how many remaining investors will stay and invest with the U.S. immigration takeover and this budget issue we have.

There is no solution found to resolve the CUC fuel charge and poor service. Nor any solution to support the NMC accreditation and any workforce development plan to meet the demands for local work force.

This conflict of interest within our system and the three islands is still visual and no regulations have been introduced to eliminate these problems.

If the 16-hour work cut is in place, will our retirement benefit, health insurance, be affected?

The following is questionable too, based on the places I work, and people I meet.

No plans are being made to help CNMI government employees upgrade their skills to meet the U.S. standard and be given credit for it.

Many federal aids programs benefit other people more than the local residents. And many of these agencies' employees are in needs of hand-on-training on communication and professionalism to better delivery their service to the local residents.

Crimes are increasing and juvenile detention facilities do not have enough FTEs and facilities to accommodate their needs.

Many high school graduates are still on Tinian looking for ways to go to college and get a job.

Again thank for passing the budget and please I beg you address the people and let everyone know what is really going on.

**Winnie Atalig**
*San Jose, Tinian*

# Procrastination

Dear Legislators,

Here's a poem for all of you and it goes like this:

**PROCRASTINATION**
"Hell" "Damnation"
Take care now
Never mind
Take care tomorrow
Should I or shouldn't I
That's the question
Never mind
I'll just have a beer
Tomorrow's another day

Please, please, pretty please with a cherry on top pass the budget already. You have made us suffer long enough **we surrender** to anything you guys are offering.

**William Kintz**
*San Antonio*

# Business

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Armatech Corp. operations manager Bong Malasarte, right, poses with his staff at the company's office in Susupe. Inset, Armatech's signage in front of its office behind Shirley's Coffee Shop.
CLARISSA DAVID

## AFTER FIVE YEARS IN THE BUSINESS

# Armatech lives to tell the tale

For a business to survive in this bleak economy is very much a feat in itself. After five years, Armatech Corp. is one of the few businesses on Saipan that carries on despite the island's tough economic state.

"The tough economy has also affected us but we managed to survive after five years," said Bong D. Malasarte, operations manager for Armatech which turned five last Sept. 9.

Malasarte said the staff and management of Armatech celebrated their fifth year anniversary on Sept. 25.

He recounted how the company began in 2005. "I used to work for a Japanese firm under the auspices of my boss, Mr. Kobayashi. When he left, the company was never the same again as they started laying off people and cutting down work hours," he narrated.

After working for a Japanese firm for almost 13 years, Malasarte decided to leave the company and help set up what is now Armatech.

Armatech deals mainly with electrical jobs, motor rewinding, security systems, and the installation and repair of the telephone exchange services in businesses commonly referred to as the PBX system.

Among their regular clients are some of the larger hotels on Saipan, including Saipan's utilities provider, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Malasarte said they also have customers from the islands of Rota and Tinian.

Despite the economic situation in the CNMI, Malasarte said they still decided to venture to related line of work such as generator repair and installation of wireless networks in hotels and other businesses.

Since they have established a company that deals mainly on electrical services, Malasarte said they are planning to concentrate on marketing their door lock systems and the light-emitting diode lightings or LEDs as well.

Armatech offers two types of door lock system that have enhanced security features: the TCPIP door lock and the stand alone door lock. Both types use swipe cards to access doors. The cards show the history of entries, including the time and date.

The TCPIP is connected to a computer and is more advanced as it can be unlocked from a mobile phone anywhere that has Internet access. If the swipe card is lost or stolen for this system, access through that card can be cancelled to prevent un-permitted access. It is more recommended for bigger businesses such as hotels.

Malasarte said the Marianas Resort and Spa has availed of the TCPIP for two years now and has not made any complaints so far regarding the system.

The standalone door lock, on the other hand, is more affordable and is recommended for residential and smaller businesses' use.

Malasarte said they also decided to provide the island with LED lightings because of its identified benefits. "LEDs are brighter, safer, power saving, and environment-friendly. It's the trend now," he said.

Studies show that LED, a semiconductor light source, has unique design features and directional output. LED lights are more damage-resistant compared to compact fluorescents and incandescent bulbs.

Malasarte said they also plan to introduce Internet Phone, which can make calling directly to Manila a lot easier and cheaper.

He said their IP system is similar to Skype, as phone calls are made possible through subscription to their main server and access to Internet connection.

For all their services, particularly the installation of their reliable door lock system and LED lightings, Malasarte said they have packages that are very reasonably priced.

The operations manager said they used to have five technicians that are available to serve their clientele. With the economic crisis, Malasarte said they had to cut it down to three.

Malasarte noted the importance of their staff, which he said are taken cared of by giving their salaries on time, sometimes with overtime pay.

"The company will not make it without the dedication and commitment of the staff. If an employee is happy with his job, he or she will perform remarkably," he said.

Malasarte anticipates the positive impact of the impending military buildup in the Marianas in the next few years. "We are hopeful about that. But for now, we'll do the best we can to keep the business running," he added.

Armatech is located in Talaya Avenue, the first street on the left after Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe. For more information, call 234-8895 or 287-5525.

# Rumors in the workplace

**Question: There always seems to be rumors floating around in our workplace. Sometimes they're really hateful and we've lost good people because of them? What can be done to stop them?**

When you have a problem with rumors in the workplace, it's a communication issue—bad communication is the problem and good communication is the answer. And … as in most problems in the workplace, it's a management issue. Lack of management allows it to become a problem and effective management will reduce its adverse affects.

Notice that I didn't say "solve the problem" or "remove the problem." In answer to the question for this article, you can't stop rumors. People like to talk—maybe people need to talk—and they will talk. There will be rumors. Management can't prevent rumors. Management's goal must be to educate their employees about the dangers of rumors and provide them with effective avenues of communication so that they don't have to rely on rumors.

Rumors in the workplace are generally of two types: rumors about fellow workers or rumors about the company. Either can be harmful to both employees and the company. Gossip about an employee passed around the workplace can damage reputations, ruin friendships, cause problems at home, and possibly even result in violence in the workplace or outside of it. Reduced productivity of the gossiper(s) and the target, possible adverse affect on the company's reputation, employee actions that result in a discrimination charge or a lawsuit, and the possible loss of a good employee, also hurt the company. Rumors about the company, its financial soundness, its products or services, how it's managed, changes in management, internal difficulties, could all cause harm to the company—and remember, what's bad for the company is also bad for the employees.

There is no shortage of things to gossip about: what someone did in the past/last weekend/just today/will do tomorrow, who is sleeping with whom, "guess who I saw the boss with last night," who's having problems at home, who's getting promoted/transferred/fired, when the lay-offs will start and who will be terminated first. People like to be in-the-know and people like to know. Unfortunately, some people don't think about or care about the effect of the rumors they start or pass on. Truth or untruth really doesn't matter—both, when passed around in the rumor-mill, can cause harm.

Also—employees who are gossiping are not working.

As an employee, don't let yourself get involved. The workplace should be reserved for professional and work-related discussion and behavior. Be careful about what you say and leave your personal life at home—or you could be a rumor target—and let others have privacy in their personal lives. Tell gossipers that you really don't want to talk about other people—and don't. Also, don't stick around to listen. Maybe, they'll get the hint. If it's a work-related issue, hopefully the company will provide official communication. If not, and it affects your work, ask your manager.

As for management—as I mentioned earlier, rumors are a communication problem and good communication is the way to deal with it. First, make sure that you are not part of the problem. Don't add information to the rumor-mill and don't participate. Although you can probably never entirely stop rumors, have a policy that tries to and makes rumor-making and passing a disciplinary offense. Ensure that every employee gets the policy. Take the time to explain it, emphasize the harmful effects of rumors and state your position in a face-to-face meeting. If you have a habitual gossiper in your team, have a one-to-one discussion, reiterate the policy and let him or her know the consequences if their actions continue. As a manager, base your decisions and actions on facts, not rumors.

Communicate. Prevent work-related rumors by communicating information on pending changes, problems, and other situations. Use two-way communication methods that allow for questions, answers and clarifications. Have occasional team/unit meetings that keep employees informed. Maintain an open-door policy that allows employees to meet and talk with you about questions they might have, observations made and problems noted. If you can't answer a question at the time, be sure to get back with the answer, so that the employee knows that you took their question seriously. Avoid one-way communication such as e-mails and memos when you can meet and discuss an issue in person.

Both employees and managers must be part of the solution to the rumor problem. Communicate.

## HR MATTERS

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# Nation

# Govt: No call for Social Security increase in 2011

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—As if voters don't have enough to be angry about this election year, the government is expected to announce this week that more than 58 million Social Security recipients will go through another year without an increase in their monthly benefits.

It would mark only the second year without an increase since automatic adjustments for inflation were adopted in 1975. The first year was this year.

"If you're the ruling party, this is not the sort of thing you want to have happening two weeks before an election," said Andrew Biggs, a former deputy commissioner at the Social Security Administration and now a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

"It's not the congressional Democrats' fault, but that's the way politics works," Biggs said. "A lot of people will feel hostile about it."

The cost-of-living adjustments, or COLAs, are automatically set each year by an inflation measure that was adopted by Congress back in the 1970s. Based on inflation so far this year, the trustees who oversee Social Security project there will be no COLA for 2011.

The projection will be made official on Friday, when the Bureau of Labor Statistics releases inflation estimates for September. The timing couldn't be worse for Democrats as they approach an election in which they are in danger of losing their House majority, and possibly their Senate majority as well.

This past Friday, the same bureau delivered another painful blow to Democrats: The U.S. lost 95,000 jobs in September and unemployment remained stubbornly stuck at 9.6 percent.

Democrats have been working hard to make Social Security an election-year issue, running political ads and holding press conferences to accuse Republicans of plotting to privatize the national retirement program.

This week's announcement about Social Security benefits raises more immediate concerns for older Americans whose savings and home values still haven't recovered from the financial collapse: Many haven't had a raise since January 2009, and they won't be getting one until at least January 2012.

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In this Jan. 29, 2010 file photo, Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D., chairman of the House Ways and Means Social Security subcommittee, speaks in Bismarck, N.D. Pomeroy has introduced a new bill to provide $250 payments to seniors, if there is no increase in Social Security.

"While people aren't getting COLAs they certainly feel like they're falling further and further behind, particularly in this economy," said David Certner, AARP's legislative policy director. "People are very reliant on Social Security as a major portion of their income and, quite frankly, they have counted on the COLA over the years."

Social Security was the primary source of income for 64 percent of retirees who got benefits in 2008, according to the Social Security Administration. A third relied on Social Security for at least 90 percent of their income.

A little more than 58.7 million people receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income. The average Social Security benefit is about $1,072 a month.

Social Security recipients got a one-time bonus payment of $250 in the spring of 2009 as part of the government's massive economic recovery package. President Barack Obama lobbied for another one last fall when it became clear seniors wouldn't get an increase in monthly benefit payments in 2010.

Congress took up the issue, but a proposal by Sen. Bernie Sanders died when 12 Democrats and independent Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut joined Senate Republicans to block it. Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine was the only Republican to support the second bonus payment.

Sanders, I-Vt., said he expects older voters to be angry when they learn there will be no increase for the second straight year.

"I do think there's going to be political fallout," Sanders said. "Many seniors who are spending a lot of money on health care and prescription drugs really are going to find it hard to believe that there has been no inflationary costs to their purchasing needs."

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Death row inmate seeks high court OK for DNA tests

**LIVINGSTON, Texas** (AP)—An ex-con sent to Texas' death row for three murders and spared from execution earlier this year by the U.S. Supreme Court is set to take his case before the high court, which may decide whether his attorneys can test items for DNA he claims could prove his innocence. Hank Skinner was convicted of pummeling his girlfriend with a pickax handle and stabbing her two sons on New Year's Eve in 1993 in their Texas Panhandle home. DNA evidence at his trial showed blood on his clothing from that night was his and from at least two of the victims. The Supreme Court will hear arguments Wednesday on whether prison inmates may use a federal civil rights law to get DNA testing that was not performed before their conviction. Prosecutors in Skinner's case have refused to make some evidence available for DNA testing, including knives from the scene and a jacket next to one of the bodies.

### 5 killed, 4 injured in crash in southeast Michigan

**GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP, Mich.** (AP)—Five people were killed and four others seriously injured Sunday when a car crossed the median of a busy southeastern Michigan expressway and struck an SUV, authorities say. The crash happened about 3:30 p.m. on U.S. 23 in Livingston County's Green Oak Township, just south of Brighton and about 30 miles northwest of Detroit. Authorities closed the highway for about four hours. Three people were dead at the scene and two others died at a hospital, the township police department said in a news release.

### Police in NC seek missing girl, question stepmom

**HICKORY, N.C.** (AP)—Police in North Carolina are searching for a missing, hearing-impaired 10-year-old girl with an artificial leg, and they have arrested her stepmother on unrelated charges. Police in Hickory said Zahra Clare Baker was reported missing Saturday afternoon. Her father and stepmother told police they last saw her sleeping in her bed. A police spokesman said Elisa Baker was arrested Sunday on more than a dozen charges in cases unrelated to the disappearance of her stepdaughter. They include communicating threats, writing worthless checks, larceny and driving with a revoked license. It was unclear whether she has an attorney. There was no telephone listing for the Bakers.

# 8 gang suspects arraigned in NYC anti-gay attack

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Eight gang suspects arrested in the torture of two teenage boys and a man in an anti-gay attack were arraigned Sunday on hate crime charges, standing in a courtroom with their heads down and their hands cuffed behind them as their relatives wept.

At the hearing, Assistant District Attorney Theresa Gottlieb said that during the Oct. 3 attack each victim was asked before being beaten, "Is it true that you're a fag?"

The charges against the defendants include robbery, assault, sexual abuse and unlawful imprisonment as hate crimes. The defendants didn't enter pleas, and police were looking for a ninth suspect, who had been expected to turn himself in but didn't show up.

The nine members of the Latin King Goonies gang had heard a rumor one of their teenage recruits was gay and then found the teen, stripped him, beat him and sodomized him with a plunger handle until he confessed to having had sex with a man, police say. The gang members then found a second teen they suspected was gay and tortured him and the man, police say.

The gang members found the man by inviting him to a house, telling him they were having a party, police say. When he arrived, they burned, beat and tortured him for hours and sodomized him with a miniature baseball bat, police say.

A police officer was posted in three-wheeled scooter outside the four-story brick building Sunday, and crime scene tape stretched across the bottom of it. The home faces Primary School 226.

An assortment of colorful flowers were laid in front of the home with a sympathy card that read: "Prayers for healing—for our community."

The suspects arraigned Sunday were identified as Ildefonzo Mendez, 23; Elmer Confresi, 23; David Rivera, 21; Steven Caraballo, Denis Peitars, Nelson Falu and Bryan Almonte, all 17; and Brian Cepeda, 16.

Bronx Criminal Court Judge Harold Adler set bail for Peitars and Caraballo at $100,000 bond or $50,000 cash; the other six were held without bail.

Two attorneys, Paul Horowitz and Fred Bittlingmeyer, represented the eight at the hearing but didn't expect to represent all of them through the legal process.

Bittlingmeyer, representing Peitars, said his client only punched one of the complainants after the other defendants said they "were going to find out who the men are in this room and who the fags are in this room."

# Private spaceship makes first solo glide flight

**MOJAVE, Calif.** (AP)—Virgin Galactic's space tourism rocket SpaceShipTwo achieved its first solo glide flight Sunday, marking another step in the company's eventual plans to fly paying passengers.

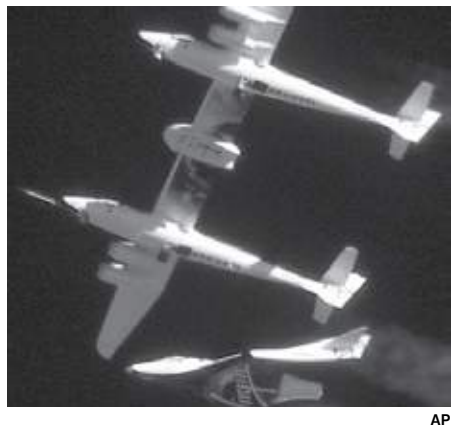
SpaceShipTwo was carried aloft by its mothership to an altitude of 45,000 feet and released over the Mojave Desert. After the separation, SpaceShipTwo, manned by two pilots, flew freely for 11 minutes before landing at an airport runway followed by the mothership.

The entire test flight lasted about 25 minutes.

"It flew beautifully," said Virgin Galactic chief executive George Whitesides.

The six-passenger SpaceShipTwo is undergoing rigorous testing before it can carry tourists to space. In the latest test, SpaceShipTwo did not fire its rocket engine to climb to space.

Until now, SpaceShipTwo has flown attached to the wing of its special jet-powered mothership dubbed WhiteKnightTwo. Sunday was the first time the spaceship flew on its own.



AP

In this photo released by Virgin Galactic, the Virgin Galactic SpaceShipTwo, or VSS Enterprise, is released from the mothership, WhiteKnight2, also known as VMS Eve, over the Mojave, Calif., area early Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010.

"It's a very big deal," Virgin president Sir Richard Branson told The Associated Press. "There are a number of big deals on the way to getting commercial space travel becoming a reality. This was a very big step. We now know that the spaceship glides. We know it can be dropped safely from the mothership and we know it can land safely. That's three big ticks."

SpaceShipTwo will make a series of additional glide flights before rocketing to space.

"The next big step will be the rocket tests actually on the spacecraft itself," Branson said. "We've obviously have done thousands of rocket tests on the ground, the next big test is in the air. We'll be doing gentle rocket tests in the air, ultimately culminating into taking the spaceship into space." SpaceShipTwo, built by famed aircraft designer Burt Rutan, is based on a prototype that won a $10 million prize in 2004 for being the first manned private rocket to reach space.

# Asia

## Gates reassuring allies unnerved by China

**HANOI, Vietnam** (AP)—The United States will back up small Asian nations who feel bullied by China and will insist on diplomatic solutions to territorial disputes among China and Pacific neighbors, U.S. officials said.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates is in Vietnam to reassure jittery Southeast Asian nations that the United States won't cede its longtime role as the pre-eminent military power in the Pacific as Chinese naval ambitions expand.

The United States is concerned that newly heated disputes over Pacific island chains little known to most Americans could hurt access to one of the world's busiest commercial sea lanes. Smaller nations complain that China may try to seize the areas outright or assume de facto to control with naval patrols.

Gates was scheduled to see a Chinese general Monday, and both were attending an Asian security ministers' meeting Tuesday. Gates will meet separately with delegates from some of the small nations that want U.S. support to counter the growth of China as a regional power.

Pentagon officials traveling with Gates said he will make the same argument about U.S. interests in the Pacific and the limits of Chinese dominion that has infuriated China before.

Gates

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of sensitive discussions among Southeast Asian defense chiefs.

President Barack Obama and Southeast Asian leaders recently reiterated support for a peaceful resolution of the disputes, which some fear could set off Asia's next conflict.

The United States is trying to persuade China that it would be better off with smoother, more regular contacts between the two militaries. Their relationship has been fitful and mostly superficial for years, in contrast to closer economic and political cooperation.

China broke off military ties altogether early this year in protest of proposed U.S. arms sales to China's rival Taiwan worth more than $6 billion. China disinvited Gates for an expected visit to China, and a Chinese general confronted him about Taiwan during another security meeting in June.

The chill has begun to thaw. China has agreed to restart some lower-level military discussions this month, and senior Chinese leaders have indicated they want broader engagement.

"This is something we believe we both need. It is to both our benefits to have this kind of ongoing dialogue," Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell told reporters traveling with Gates.

Peaceful international resolution of the island disputes is a major theme of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations security ministers' gathering here.

## Wife allowed to meet jailed Chinese Nobel winner

**BEIJING** (AP)—An imprisoned Chinese dissident who won this year's Nobel Peace Prize was allowed to meet with his wife and told her in tears that he was dedicating the award to victims of a 1989 military crackdown on pro-democracy protesters, his wife and a close friend said.

Liu Xia, the wife of democracy campaigner Liu Xiaobo, also confirmed in a Twitter message Sunday that she had been placed under house arrest since Friday.

Liu Xia said the dissident's jailers had informed him of his prize a day before their meeting.

"Brothers, I have returned," Liu wrote. "Seen Xiaobo, the prison told him the news about his award on the night of the 9th."

The Twitter message was verified by a close friend and dissident Wang Jinbo, who wrote in another Twitter message that Liu Xia had told him she was unable to meet the media or friends due to tight security. Wang declined to be interviewed.

The New York-based group Human Rights in China said it received information from Liu Xia that she has been told that if she wants to leave her home she must be escorted in a police car.

About a dozen reporters stood outside the main gate of the apartment complex on Monday, blocked by security guards from entering. A U.S. group that serves as Liu Xiaobo's international counsel, Freedom Now, deplored Liu Xia's detention in her own home.

In naming him on Friday, the Norwegian-based Nobel committee honored Liu's more than two decades of advocacy of human rights and peaceful democratic change—from demonstrations for democracy at Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989 to a manifesto for political reform that he co-authored in 2008 and which led to his latest jail term.

Wang said Liu Xiaobo told his wife during the visit that the prize "goes first" to those who died in the June 4, 1989, military crackdown on protesters in Tiananmen. "Xiaobo was in tears," he wrote.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Manila court rules anti-terror law constitutional

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of a 2007 anti-terror law, which the government sought to bolster a U.S.-backed campaign against al-Qaida-linked militants but critics fear could muzzle civil liberties. Left-wing alliance Bayan, one of the groups that sought the repeal of the Human Security Act, said Monday it would appeal last Friday's ruling. The law rarely has been used since it took effect because law enforcers fear the heavy punishment it includes for mistaken arrests and abuses. Then-President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, a staunch Asian ally of the U.S. campaign against terrorism, signed the anti-terror law in 2007 to turn her Southeast Asian country—regarded as a breeding ground of Islamic radicals—into a hostile territory for militants.

### 175K people join race to save Manila river

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—About 175,000 people, led by Philippine boxing star Manny Pacquiao and former President Fidel Ramos, turned up Sunday in one of the country's largest pro-environment events to raise funds for the cleanup of a heavily polluted Manila river. About 2,500 police officers were deployed as participants, who included soldiers, religious leaders, politicians and movie stars, raced across the capital to raise funds to clean up one of 48 tributaries flowing into the Pasig River, officials said. Metropolitan Manila police chief Leocadio Santiago said about 175,000 people joined, although the organizer, a foundation of the ABS-CBN TV network, estimated slightly over 100,000 may have finished the race in four distances that ranged from 2 to 13 miles (3 to 21 kilometers).

### Boat overturns in India, killing at least 22

**PATNA, India** (AP)—A boat carrying dozens of farm workers capsized Sunday on the flooded Ganges River in eastern India, killing at least 22 people, police said. The death toll is likely to rise because more than a dozen others were reported missing in the accident near Buxar, a town in Bihar state, said Neelmani, the state director-general of police. Neelmani, who uses one name, said at least 25 people were able to swim ashore. The region is about 100 miles (160 kilometers) west of Patna, the state capital. He said 22 bodies were recovered from the river and divers were searching for others. The accident occurred as the poor farm workers were returning home after working in nearby villages.

# World

## Tense final hours ahead for Chilean miners

AP

In this still image taken from a video released by the government of Chile on Oct. 10, 2010, steel pipes are welded as rescue efforts continue to free the trapped miners at the San Jose mine near Copiapo, Chile, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010.

**SAN JOSE MINE, Chile** (AP)—A smooth-walled path to daylight awaited 33 trapped miners Sunday as they entered the tense final hours of a two-month odyssey christened in the terror of collapsing rock deep under a Chilean mountain.

With the eyes of the world on Chile's no-expense-spared effort to ensure all the men emerge unharmed, the miners' physical and mental health was being fastidiously monitored. Precautions were taken against all manner of complications—aspirin to prevent blood clots, a special drink to settle the stomach, video monitors to watch for panic attacks.

And officials said the men were so giddy with confidence they were squabbling on Saturday, the day drills broke through to them, over who would get to be the last to take a twisting, 20-minute ride the half-mile up to a rock-strewn desert moonscape and into the embrace of those they love.

A tentative but secret list was drafted of which miners should come out first when the extraction begins, probably on Wednesday. But Health Minister Jaime Manalich said the otherwise cooperative miners were so sure of the exit plan that they were arguing about sequence.

"They were fighting with us yesterday because everyone wanted to be at the end of the line, not the beginning," he told reporters.

Manalich told The Associated Press that a few had volunteered in conversations among themselves to go up first. But none had volunteered publicly, he said.

## Hungarian factory sorry for those killed by sludge

**KOLONTAR, Hungary** (AP)—The owners of the metals plant whose reservoir burst, flooding several towns in western Hungary with caustic red sludge, expressed their condolences Sunday to the families of the seven people killed, as well as to those injured—and said they were sorry for not having done so sooner.

MAL Rt., which owns the alumina plant in Ajka, also said it was willing to pay compensation "in proportion to its responsibility" for the damage caused by the deluge.

But the trouble may not be over.

With the northwest corner of the storage pool still showing a hole 50 meters (yards) wide where the mix of mud and water broke through last week, officials said the collapse of at least one of the breached walls was inevitable. That, they said, would probably unleash a new deluge of toxic matter that could ooze a half-mile (1 kilometer) to the north, wreaking further havoc.

That would flood parts of the town nearest the plant—one of those already hit by the industrial waste Oct. 4—but stop short of the next town to the north.

Environmental State Secretary Zoltan Illes said that recently discovered cracks on the northern wall of the reservoir at the alumina plant have temporarily stopped widening because of favorable weather conditions but will continue to expand, especially at night.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### St. Maarten, Curacao celebrate increased autonomy

**PHILIPSBURG, St. Maarten** (AP)—Several thousand revelers gathered in the capitals of tiny St. Maarten and Curacao on Sunday to celebrate greater autonomy within the Dutch kingdom as a result of the breakup of the Netherlands Antilles. At the stroke of midnight Saturday, officials lowered the blue-and-red Netherlands Antilles flag and raised the flags of St. Maarten and Curacao in their place. On Sunday morning, parliament members and other government leaders on the two Caribbean islands were sworn in. The status change is largely symbolic because the Netherlands Antilles—colonized by the Dutch in the 17th century—had been largely self-governing for 56 years. The Dutch monarch will remain head of state, overseeing foreign affairs and defense, and the islands' people will remain Dutch nationals, with Dutch passports.

### Serb police clash with anti-gay rioters

**BELGRADE, Serbia** (AP)—Serbian riot police fought running battles Sunday with thousands of far-right supporters who hurled Molotov cocktails and stun grenades to try disrupt a gay pride march in downtown Belgrade. More than 140 people were hurt and more than 200 were arrested, officials said. Thousands of police officers sealed off the streets in the capital where the march took place, repeatedly clashing at several locations with rioters who tried to burst through security cordons. veral parked cars were set on fire or damaged, shop windows were broken, garbage containers were overturned and streets signs destroyed. Several shops were looted before police restored peace late afternoon.

# Focus

# Foreclosure freeze could undermine housing market

In this Sept, 14, 2010 photo, a house in Homestead, Fla. sits empty, for sale as a foreclosure home in a neighborhood where half of the houses were empty and up for foreclosure. AP

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Karl Case, the co-creator of a widely watched housing market index, was upbeat three weeks ago. Mulling the economy while at a meeting at a resort near the Berkshires, Case thought the makings of a recovery were finally falling into place.

"I'm a 60-40 optimist," he said at the time.

Today, Case's mood is far more subdued. In scarcely two weeks, he and other housing analysts have watched as the once-staid world of back-office bank procedures has spawned a scandal that threatens to further unhinge the housing market.

Allegations of possible mortgage fraud against financial giants GMAC, JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America read like a corporate thriller: forged documents, faked Social Security numbers, phantom titles, disappearing paper trails, "robo-signers" and mortgages sliced and diced so many times that nobody really knows who owns them.

On Friday, PNC and mortgage servicer Litton Loan Servicing joined those three financial institutions in suspending some foreclosures while they review how documents were handled. Bank of America, which had already announced a halt for 23 states, expanded the suspension to cover the whole nation. If other banks follow suit, it raises the specter of a national foreclosure moratorium.

In all, the banks will have to review the paperwork for hundreds of thousands of mortgages. On top of that, class action lawyers and state attorneys general have filed lawsuits and called for foreclosure moratoriums.

In the near term, the freezes could actually benefit both homeowners and the housing market. Homeowners would have time to live rent-free and chip away at their debt. Prices might stabilize because so many homes are penned up.

But the long-term implications are grave. Only a month ago, housing watcher Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, predicted that a housing recovery would be under way by the third quarter of next year. Now he believes the foreclosure scandal could prolong the housing depression for at least another few years.

The alleged document fraud could open up the entire chain of foreclosure proceedings to legal challenge. Some foreclosures could be overturned, others deemed outright fraudulent.

Before a housing recovery can occur, all those foreclosed properties have to be re-scrutinized by the banks and then sold. With any foreclosure-related deal open to legal challenge, that inventory could be taken off the market while the legal challenges make their way through the courts.

That's not to mention the questions being raised about missing paper trails on mortgages owned by people who have never missed a payment. What started as simple paperwork bungling in a Pennsylvania office park now threatens to bring to a standstill the nation's entire foreclosure machinery.

The development is especially troubling given how large the foreclosure market is. Before the scandal erupted, forecasters at John Burns Real Estate Consulting predicted that 41 percent of residential sales this year would be on distressed properties. Typically, distressed properties account for 7 percent.

Since housing is the engine that in the past seven recessions has pulled the economy out of recession, any further damage couldn't come at a worse time.

"As far as I'm concerned, anything that slows the foreclosure process is a bad thing," Case said this week.

The debacle injects yet more uncertainty into a frail recovery that is still trying to find its strength.

"This is definitely one of the last things anyone needed to have to deal with," says Diane Pendley, managing director of Fitch Ratings.

The news that GMAC, recently renamed Ally Financial, and JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America were stopping foreclosure proceedings in 23 states was merely the beginning. Federal lawmakers are calling for a federal investigation, saying the excuses from the industry are not credible, and on Wednesday the Ohio attorney general filed a fraud suit against GMAC, calling it "the tip of an iceberg of industrywide abuse." GMAC denies the allegations.

In at least six states, attorneys general are calling for foreclosure moratoriums and launching their own investigations. And this week, the attorneys general of up to 40 states are expected to announce a joint investigation into banks' use of flawed foreclosure paperwork.

A person briefed on the investigation said over the weekend that an announcement of the 40-state investigation could come as early as Tuesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was not yet public. Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller will lead the investigation.

The Obama administration is studying the situation. Problems with foreclosure procedures were discussed during two recent conference calls involving officials of the Treasury Department, Department of Housing and Urban development, White House and other agencies, an administration official said on condition of anonymity.

A top White House adviser questioned the need Sunday for a blanket stoppage of all home foreclosures, even as pressure grows on the Obama administration to do something about mounting evidence that banks have used inaccurate documents to evict homeowners.

"It is a serious problem," said David Axelrod, who contended that the flawed paperwork is hurting the nation's housing market as well as lending institutions. But he added, "I'm not sure about a national moratorium because there are in fact valid foreclosures that probably should go forward" because their documents are accurate.

Axelrod said the administration is pressing lenders to accelerate their reviews of foreclosures to determine which ones have flawed documentation.

"Our hope is this moves rapidly and that this gets unwound very, very quickly," he said.

Lawyers who have already filed class action lawsuits in Maine and Kentucky are now signing up entire neighborhoods as new clients. They're hiring private eyes to track down former industry employees and holding marathon conference calls to strategize on how to get every speck of dirt on the banks that they can.

The low-level bank employees in question were supposed to have reviewed mortgage documents in detail. Instead, they say they never so much as glanced at the papers. Nor did they even know where the papers were.

"They were just so haphazard and so gloriously incompetent to save a few pennies here and there," says Barry Ritholtz, director of equity research at Fusion IQ. "But a few pennies times millions of documents is a billion dollars."

The banks insist that most of the people involved in the foreclosure deals were legitimately behind on their payments. But even so, if the procedures that put them into foreclosure are deemed fraudulent, it will nullify the deals and require that the entire process start all over again.

The financial institutions insist that, in most if not all cases, there was no fraud, the borrowed missed their payments and the foreclosures are justified. Delays may occur, they say, but the outcomes will be the same. Moreover, they insist they are strengthening their procedures. They are chalking up much of the controversy to possible shoddy paperwork.

But the pronouncements have done little to assuage those connected to the mortgage industry, and the uncertainty is spreading fast.

On Sept. 23, Standard and Poor's warned of a possible downgrade on GMAC. The next day, Moody's Investors Service also placed GMAC on a watch. On Sept. 29, Fitch Ratings said it was reviewing the mortgage servicers' practices.

Perhaps most worrisome was the news on Oct. 1 that title insurer Old Republic National—which provides protection to the homebuyer and mortgage provider in case any unpaid taxes, questionable ownership or other problems turn up—had ordered its agents to cease offering policies on foreclosed properties owned by GMAC or JPMorgan Chase. On Oct. 7, another title insurer, Stewart Title, issued an internal memo making it incredibly difficult—if not impossible—for an agent to write a policy for any foreclosure property connected to any of the now-tainted banks.

"Right now everyone in the industry is trying to understand the scope and breadth of the problem, and is looking to lenders to get their paperwork in order so that sales can resume," says Kurt Pfotenhauer, chief executive of the trade group American Land Title Association.

Meanwhile, real estate agents who specialize in selling bank-owned properties say the market is locking up. Dorothy Buse, a Coldwell Banker agent in the Orlando, Fla., area, said that out of the 200 foreclosures she has listed for sale, 40 are now in the foreclosure freeze. Of the 40, 12 that were already under contract are now on hold.

"There's nothing within my power—or my staff's power—that we can do, except try to reassure them that we're working on this," Buse says.

In addition, legal challenges are mounting. On Sept. 24, a district court judge in Maine threw out a ruling in favor of GMAC to foreclose on a house owned by an unemployed mother of two. Now that case will go to a bench trial in Portland.

The court also sanctioned GMAC about its paperwork process, noting that "this case is not the first time that GMAC's high-volume and careless approach to affidavit signing has been exposed."

Michael Holmes is one of the thousands of mortgage holders whose house was put into foreclosure by the now infamous "robo-signer," the GMAC employee who signed 10,000 foreclosure affidavits a month. On Oct. 1, GMAC informed Holmes that the foreclosure on his Belfast, Maine, home had been put on hold. The bank didn't say for how long.

The temporary halt has done little to subdue Holmes' stress. He spent the past year and a half fighting to get a loan modification from GMAC, a process he says yielded a file the size of a Manhattan phone book and virtually no response from the bank. He also claims he received no written notice of a foreclosure.

Now Holmes, a former hospitality executive at such Boston hotels as the Ritz-Carlton and the Copley Plaza, says he wants to fight to keep the Victorian he grew up in. But from one day to the next, he doesn't know what will happen.

"The one safe place you have is your home," Holmes says. "It's your comfort zone, and to have that in limbo, it feels like the wolves are on my porch."

# Overdrive

# 2011 Juke adds eccentric fun to Nissan line-up

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Many a time, we've woken up to the sound of squealing tires. So it was difficult not to feel like a jerk as I cranked hard on the wheel for a tight left turn one evening, careening around my neighborhood traffic circle doing donuts in a new Nissan Juke.

The Juke responded with compliance, hugging the curb with little effort. There's nothing like an adrenaline appetizer before dinner.

With the Juke, Nissan Motor Co. is introducing a new concept: a "sport cross," or small, SUV-style alternative to the many compact hatchbacks that are coming on the market to lure tight-fisted, forcibly downsizing consumers.

With an exterior style cribbed from off-road rally racing and interior features revved up to mimic sport bikes, the Juke is a quirky five-door, five-seater for individualists who don't want to sacrifice fun just because they're pinching pennies.

Starting at $18,960, the car due out this month debuts a number of new technologies the Japanese manufacturer is bringing to the compact car segment, such as advanced torque vectoring on the all-wheel-drive version I was testing.

In addition to a computer that senses wheel slip and accordingly splits the torque front and rear, the Juke's AWD also splits torque to the left and right sides of the rear axle. Thus my traffic circle spin-arounds.

Powered with an all-new 1.6-liter turbocharged inline four that adds some go with the show of this sporty-looking ride—while also delivering decent fuel economy—the Juke cranks a respectable 188 horsepower.

Off the line, torque varies, depending on the setting of the drive mode selector, which adjusts the car's throttle and steering responses, as well as the test car's continuously variable transmission.

At the press of a button, drivers can choose between normal, sport and eco, which you might characterize as omnivore, carnivore and vegan, respectively. Although none of the modes is extreme, they are, at least, sufficiently different, unlike many cars that offer similar systems.

Sport mode is, of course, "Glee"-fully peppy and obviously the most fun, but this mode is most susceptible to torque steer and makes the steering wheel feel less controllable under hard acceleration.

If the trio of options provided by the multiple drive mode system is good, its configuration is even better. Thanks to the wizardry of modern-day electronics, Nissan negated the need for an extra six buttons on the center stack by making the drive mode panel do double duty as the climate control settings, so drivers can easily switch displays between the two.

Tricking out the Juke while also keeping the price down means Nissan has skimped on some things. The seats, for instance, need to be adjusted the old-fashioned way, with levers rather than motorized buttons. The rear-view mirror also quivers to the beat of the stereo, even when the volume is moderately low—blurring the view in tempo to whatever pop-tart singers the kids are listening to these days.

Unlike most modern cars, the antenna for that radio doesn't look like a fin. Instead, it protrudes from the roof like a joystick, which in an odd way seems appropriate for a car that looks as if it could be operated by remote control. There's a playful, toylike quality to the Juke's profile that hints at capabilities it doesn't actually have.

The up-sloped front end doesn't provide clearance for rock climbing. It might do for fire trails, but buyer beware should he heed the call of the wild and head into the brush. The Juke may look like a Shrinky Dink-ed sport-utility vehicle, but it's best for urban driving.

Nissan should be applauded for coming up with a car that opts against the cookie cutter and cuts its own shape, though there's a little too much going on with the Juke's style.

A few carefully crafted swoops and curves are voluptuous; too many makes this car look lumpy and in need of some Spanx. And the side mirrors? They're oversized and obstructionist; I had to reposition myself in the driver's seat to look over and around them The interior is great. Designed to mimic a motorcycle gas tank, the glossy red center console is slightly elevated and rounded. Complementing this striking feature, the woven red-and-black textile accents the doors and ties together the color scheme from tip to tail.

There's enough space in the rear cargo hold for a few cases of beer or bales of dirty laundry but not much else. That said, I managed to carry a small pinball machine and two kids in the car by folding down 40 percent of the rear seat, so the Juke provides some workable space.

It isn't quite as versatile as a full-size SUV, but there are a good number of selections on this Juke box.

NUTS & BOLTS
Base price: $18,960
Price as tested: $24,550
Powertrain: 1.6-liter, Direct Injection Gasoline (DIG) DOHC, 16-valve, four-cylinder, turbocharger with intercooler, continuously variable transmission, torque-vectoring AWD
Horsepower: 188 at 5,600 rpm
Torque: 177 pound-feet at 2,000 — 5,200 rpm
Wheelbase: 99.6 inches
Overall length: 162.4 inches
Curb weight: 3,157 pounds
0 to 60: Not available from manufacturer
EPA fuel economy: 25 mpg city/30 mpg highway
Final thoughts: Fun-loving oddball
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With the Juke, Nissan Motor Co. is introducing a new concept: a "sport cross," or small, SUV-style alternative.

# Check pump when windshield fluid won't budge

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**QUESTION: I have a 2007 Saturn Vue with 40,000 miles. My windshield washer fluid won't "squirt." Yes, the reservoir is full. What is this going to cost me?**

**ANSWER:** Start by listening for the operation of the washer pump, which is in the bottom of the washer reservoir. If the pump does not run, check the wiper system fuses and relays in the underhood fuse panel. But if the wipers operate, the problem is just with the washer system.

Unplug the electrical connector from the pump and check for voltage to the pump with a test light or voltmeter. If voltage is reaching the pump when the washer is activated, the pump has failed. If no voltage is present, the problem is in the switch, harness or the body control module.

If the pump operates, there may be some type of blockage. Start at the nozzles aimed at the windshield. Follow the tubes from the nozzles back to the first connection that can be separated and check for fluid flow. If fluid is being delivered at this junction, the blockage is in the tubes or nozzles. If there's no fluid delivery, the pump's filter may be clogged. Remove the pump from the bottom of the reservoir, then remove and clean the filter.

Basic troubleshooting is a fairly simple do-it-yourself project. If the problem is in the pump motor, harness or switch, leave it to a pro. The washer pump costs less than $35, and replacement takes just over half an hour.

**Q: I have a 2005 Honda Odyssey. It developed a seemingly innocuous intermittent low-frequency sound and vibration at about 47,000 miles. The dealer diagnosed the cause as a broken rear motor mount. The replacement was quoted at more than $795. Can I drive this vehicle with a broken mount?**

**A:** I don't recommend it. In addition to the annoying vibration, movement of the drivetrain puts additional stress on driveshafts and the other mounts. Checking my Alldata database, the rear engine mount is about $550 on vehicles with the variable cylinder management system (which shuts down some of the engine's cylinders to save fuel), but only about $115 for vehicles that don't have the system. Labor is about 1 1/2 hours. You can also shop around among independent shops.

**Q: I have a 2002 VW Passat with the 1.8-liter turbo engine with about 132,000 miles. When I top off the fuel tank and park in the garage overnight, there is a very strong odor of gasoline. I am careful not to spill any fuel and to stop fueling when the pump clicks off. When driven a day and the fuel level drops, there is no odor. There is no sign of any leaks.**

**A:** Since the fuel odor only occurs after the tank is filled completely, the evaporative emission system is suspect. This system traps and stores fuel vapor from the tank in the charcoal canister. The purge valve, controlled by the engine management system, opens to allow the vapor to be drawn into the induction system and burned. Usually, a significant evap leak will trigger a check-engine light.

Any type of leak—vapor or fuel—from any of the hoses or plumbing with the evap system could cause the odor. Also, if the fuel tank has been repeatedly overfilled by "fuel packing," liquid fuel can be forced into the charcoal canister, creating a fuel smell.

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# Life & Style

# Pink fever high at the 2010 Pinktober Concert

**PHOTOS and TEXT By CLARISSA V. DAVID**
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REPORTER

Temperature was at pink fever high at Hard Rock Café on Sunday night as breast cancer awareness advocates showed up to express their support for the successful 2010 Pinktober Concert.

Men and women sported a touch of pink in their outfits, wore pink ribbons, and donned their pink bracelets as they enjoyed a night of fun, live music, and lots of raffle prizes for a good cause.

Limited-edition Hard Rock Pinktober merchandise were available for purchase at the concert venue to help raise funds for breast cancer research and awareness. Specially concocted "Pink Drinks" were also on hand during the concert.

Artists like Jerry Alcantara, Black Sands, Patz & Badjhoe, Afetnas Regime, Walden Beri and son Dhen, and the reggae group Burning Bush rocked the house for the partygoers.

Leila Staffler also crooned to the concert crowd with the song "My Heroes" composed by breast cancer survivor Susan M. Shinagawa.

Another event highlight was the silent auction, which raised funds for the Commonwealth Cancer Association. Ben Babauta won the gift basket donated by Expressions owner Alison Lubin; Glen Hunter got the handcrafted necklace from Kate Fuller of Fusion Designs; Joann Aquino won the Saipan Sunset Dinner Cruise for two; and Patricia Gershak got the dolphin tattoo ceramic vase donated by Barry Wonenberg.

During the concert, DFS assistant general manager of operations Ben Babauta also presented a check to CCA in the amount of $2,400. The donation came from the Durables Club of Saipan, the employees association for DFS.

CCA board president Alex Sablan was thankful for the donation, which he said will go to their programs that help raise awareness about the deadly disease.

"Go out and get detected early. Early detection is the best protection," Sablan said, adding that early detection enabled his wife to fight the cancer at an early stage.

Hard Rock Café operations manager Reynaldo Perez told *Saipan Tribune* that total funds raised from the concert ticket sales amounted to $2,216. He said $1,562 will go to the CCA.

"We thank CCA, all sponsors, artists and performers. Without their effort and contributions, the event won't be a success," said Perez.

CCA program manager Tina Sablan disclosed that they hoped for a good turnout but acknowledged that times are tough for most people. Fortunately, the night's turnout exceeded their expectations.

"We weren't really sure what to expect but the generosity of the community was just overwhelming. There was so much support from everyone. We couldn't express our gratitude enough," said Sablan.

Sablan expressed appreciation to their sponsors namely Hard Rock Café, DFS, Pepsi, Alamo and National Rent a Car, Konflikt, and IT&E.

She also thanked all performers who shared their talents, donors, and those who provided assistance and support for the event, particularly CCA volunteers Martha Mendiola, Mindy Park, Miles Celyn Rodriguez, and Ann Lagne.

DFS assistant general manager for operations Ben Babauta, center, hands the $2,400 check donation from Durables Club of Saipan to Commonwealth Cancer Association board president Alex Sablan and program manager Tina Sablan. The Durables Club of Saipan is the employee association of DFS staff.

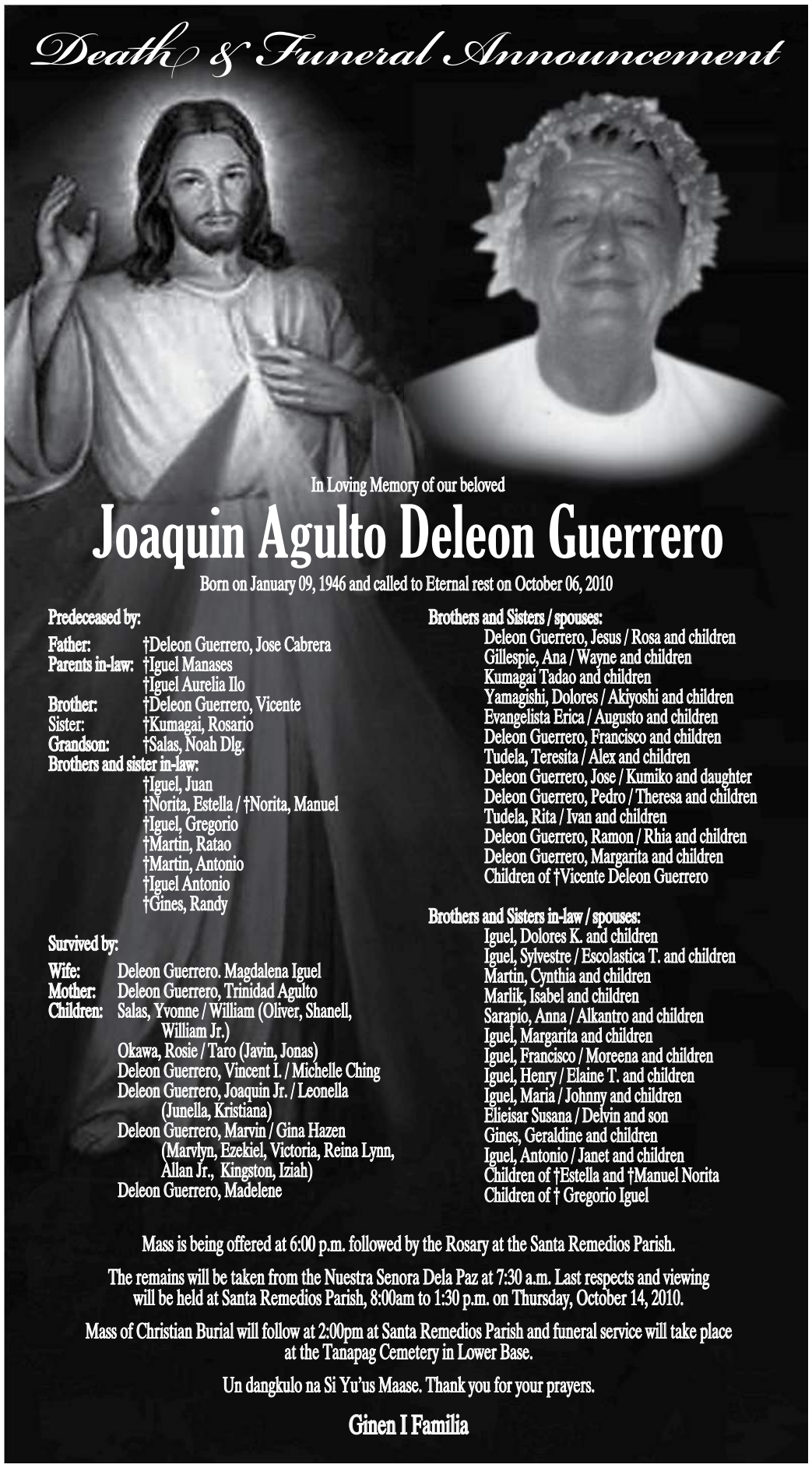
Commonwealth Cancer Association board president Alex Sablan and wife Nora have fun at the 2010 Pinktober Concert with a group of friends.

Members of the community show their support to raise funds for breast cancer awareness during the 2010 Pinktober Concert at the Hard Rock Cafe last Oct. 10.

Leila Staffler sings the composition of breast cancer survivor Susan M. Shinagawa entitled "My Heroes" as Jerry Alcantara plays the guitar accompaniment.

Lisa Eller, right, of the Division of Environmental Quality enjoys the 2010 Pinktober Concert with friends.

Concert guests check out the Pinktober and other Hard Rock merchandise.


Death & Funeral Announcement
In Loving Memory of our beloved
Joaquin Agulto Deleon Guerrero
Born on January 09, 1946 and called to Eternal rest on October 06, 2010
Predeceased by:
Father: †Deleon Guerrero, Jose Cabrera
Parents in-law: †Iguel Manases
†Iguel Aurelia Ilo
Brother: †Deleon Guerrero, Vicente
Sister: †Kumagai, Rosario
Grandson: †Salas, Noah Dlg.
Brothers and sister in-law:
†Iguel, Juan
†Norita, Estella / †Norita, Manuel
†Iguel, Gregorio
†Martin, Ratao
†Martin, Antonio
†Iguel Antonio
†Gines, Randy
Survived by:
Wife: Deleon Guerrero. Magdalena Iguel
Mother: Deleon Guerrero, Trinidad Agulto
Children: Salas, Yvonne / William (Oliver, Shanell, William Jr.)
Okawa, Rosie / Taro (Javin, Jonas)
Deleon Guerrero, Vincent I. / Michelle Ching
Deleon Guerrero, Joaquin Jr. / Leonella (Junella, Kristiana)
Deleon Guerrero, Marvin / Gina Hazen (Marvlyn, Ezekiel, Victoria, Reina Lynn, Allan Jr., Kingston, Iziah)
Deleon Guerrero, Madelene
Brothers and Sisters / spouses:
Deleon Guerrero, Jesus / Rosa and children
Gillespie, Ana / Wayne and children
Kumagai Tadao and children
Yamagishi, Dolores / Akiyoshi and children
Evangelista Erica / Augusto and children
Deleon Guerrero, Francisco and children
Tudela, Teresita / Alex and children
Deleon Guerrero, Jose / Kumiko and daughter
Deleon Guerrero, Pedro / Theresa and children
Tudela, Rita / Ivan and children
Deleon Guerrero, Ramon / Rhia and children
Deleon Guerrero, Margarita and children
Children of †Vicente Deleon Guerrero
Brothers and Sisters in-law / spouses:
Iguel, Dolores K. and children
Iguel, Sylvestre / Escolastica T. and children
Martin, Cynthia and children
Marlik, Isabel and children
Sarapio, Anna / Alkantro and children
Iguel, Margarita and children
Iguel, Francisco / Moreena and children
Iguel, Henry / Elaine T. and children
Iguel, Maria / Johnny and children
Elieisar Susana / Delvin and son
Gines, Geraldine and children
Iguel, Antonio / Janet and children
Children of †Estella and †Manuel Norita
Children of † Gregorio Iguel
Mass is being offered at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Rosary at the Santa Remedios Parish.
The remains will be taken from the Nuestra Senora Dela Paz at 7:30 a.m. Last respects and viewing will be held at Santa Remedios Parish, 8:00am to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2010.
Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 2:00pm at Santa Remedios Parish and funeral service will take place at the Tanapag Cemetery in Lower Base.
Un dangkulo na Si Yu'us Maase. Thank you for your prayers.
Ginen I Familia

# Solomon Burke dies at Amsterdam airport at 70

**AMSTERDAM** (AP)—Solomon Burke was born to the sound of music in an upstairs room of a Philadelphia church and went on to become one of the greatest soul singers of the 1960s, renowned as among music's premier vocalists.

Yet his popularity never matched that of those he influenced, contemporaries including James Brown and Marvin Gaye, a reality he accepted with grace and some frustration, colleagues said.

Burke, 70, died early Sunday of natural causes at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, his family said in a statement on the singer's website.

"This is a time of great sorrow for our entire family. We truly appreciate all of the support and well wishes from his friends and fans," the statement said.

AP

Solomon Burke, one of the pioneers of soul music, gestures to the audience after being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in this March 19, 2001 file photo taken in New York.

"Although our hearts and lives will never be the same, his love, life and music will continue to live within us forever," it added. The family did not elaborate on the cause of death.

Schiphol Airport police spokesman Robert van Kapel confirmed that Burke died on a plane at Schiphol. He arrived early Sunday on a flight from Los Angeles and had been scheduled to perform a sellout show on Tuesday in a church converted into a concert hall in Amsterdam with local band De Dijk.

Legendary Atlantic Records producer Jerry Wexler once called Burke, "the best soul singer of all time."

Anti- Records President Andy Kaulkin, whose label produced Burke's comeback record, "Don't Give Up On Me," which won him his first and only Grammy, said, "Popular music today wouldn't be where it is without Solomon Burke."

Kaulkin called Burke a precursor to singers like Isaac Hayes and Barry White.

"I feel like his music is where it all came together, and when we think of '60s soul music it all started with Solomon Burke."

Burke, a giant man with a powerful soulful voice to match, appeared on stage on a throne in later years partly because of his regal persona and partly because of health problems. He joined Atlantic in 1960 and went on to record a string of hits in a decade with the label.

Kaulkin said Burke "gracefully" accepted the fact that his fame was eclipsed by singers he influenced.

"I think there was a little bit of frustration there but I don't think it ruled him at all," Kaulkin said.

Two of Burke's best-known songs reached a wider audience when they were featured in hit movies.

He wrote "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love" in 1964 and it was later featured in the Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi movie "The Blues Brothers." The Rolling Stones and Wilson Pickett also recorded it.

A bare-chested Patrick Swayze danced seductively with Jennifer Grey to Burke's "Cry To Me" in one of the most memorable scenes from the movie "Dirty Dancing."

According to his website, Burke was born March 21, 1940, "to the sounds of horns and bass drums" at the United Praying Band The House of God for All People in West Philly.

"From day one, literally God and gospel were the driving forces behind the man and his music," his website said.

He remained closely linked to the church as a preacher. In 2000, he played for then-Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

Burke was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001 and won a Best Contemporary Blues Album Grammy a year later for "Don't Give Up On Me."

Those honors sparked a renewed interest in the singer and he toured extensively around the world in recent years, including touring with The Rolling Stones.

Burke and his band would play without set lists, instead performing whatever the audience wanted to hear.

"It's like turning back the hands of time instantly," he said on his website. "We can be in the middle of singing something from my recent 'Like A Fire' album, and they'll call out 'Stupidity' from 1957 and we're back 50 years!"

Burke combined his singing with the role of preacher and patriarch of a huge family of 21 children, 90 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

"Loving people," he said at a recent performance in London, "is what I do."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Katherine Heigl, Josh Duhamel
Drama, Comedy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
In the romantic comedy Life as We Know It, Holly Berenson is an up-and-coming caaterer and Eric Messer is a promising network sport director. After a disastrous first date, the only thing they have in common id their dislike for aech other and their love for their goddaughter, Sophie. But when they suddenly become all Sophie has in the world, Holly and Messer are forced to put their differences aside.

My Soul To Take

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Max Thieriot, John Magaro
Drama • Rated R

Synopsis
A notorious serial killer uses his dying breath to place a deadly curse on a small town in this shocker from legendary horror director Wes Craven (Scream, A Nightmare on Elm Street). It's been 16 years since the maniac who terrorized Riverton met his grim demise. Seven children were born on the night he died, and he vowed that he would return one day to claim them all.

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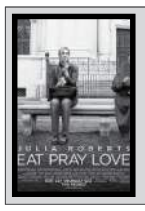

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Julia Roberts, James Franco
Drama • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
A woman who once made it her goal in life to marry and rear a family finds her priorities suddenly shifting in director Ryan Murphy's adaptation of author Elizabeth Gilbert's best-selling memoir. In the eyes of many, Gilbert was a woman who had it all—a loving husband, a great apartment, and a weekend home—but sometimes one realizes too little too late that they haven't gotten what they truly wanted from life.

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Lorna Tolentino, Christopher de Leon
Drama • Rated N/R

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Michael Douglas, Shia LeBeouf
Drama • Rated PG 13

Legend Of The Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole

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Sam Neil, Geoffrey Rush
Fantasy, Action • Rated PG

You Again

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# 'Social Network' repeats as No. 1 draw with $15.5M

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Movie fans have bookmarked the Facebook drama "The Social Network" as their weekend favorite.

David Fincher's saga about personality clashes and legal feuds among the website's founders took in $15.5 million to remain the No. 1 film for a second straight weekend. "The Social Network" raised its 10-day total to $46.1 million.

Debuting a close second with a so-so $14.6 million weekend was the romance "Life as We Know It," starring Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel as sparring guardians to an orphaned girl.

The horse-racing drama "Secretariat," starring Diane Lane, also had a so-so debut, coming in at No. 3 with $12.6 million.

AP

In this publicity file image released by Columbia Pictures, from left, Andrew Garfield, Joseph Mazzello, Jesse Eisenberg and Patrick Maple are shown in a scene from "The Social Network."

Opening a weak No. 5 with $7 million was Wes Craven's serial killer thriller "My Soul to Take."

# NZealand TV host resigns after mocking Indian name

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (AP)—A New Zealand public television host resigned Sunday after his mocking of an Indian official's name sparked a diplomatic protest of racism.

Controversial presenter Paul Henry left his post at state broadcaster Television New Zealand over his mocking of the name of New Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit.

Her surname means "one who has received religious initiation" and it can be kept only by Brahmins, the highest, priestly caste among Indians. To an untrained ear, however, its pronunciation is similar to English profanity.

On his "Breakfast" show two weeks ago, Henry also called Dikshit's name "so appropriate because she's Indian."

Dikshit, the equivalent of the city mayor, stepped in to oversee much of the frenzied last-minute preparations for the Commonwealth Games currently under way in the Indian capital.

On Friday, India said in a formal protest to New Zealand High Commissioner Rupert Holborow that it "strongly and unequivocally denounces the racist remarks of the journalist in question."

Henry, regarded as a provocative "shock jock," was initially suspended from TVNZ for his insensitive remarks in questioning whether New Zealand-born Governor General Sir Anand Satyanand, the son of Fiji Indian migrants, was "even a New Zealander" and whether his successor would "look and sound like a New Zealander."

Henry later apologized on-air to Satyanand.

On Sunday, Henry said it was "no longer practical in the current environment for me to do the job I was employed to do."

"It is also difficult for Television New Zealand to get on with the business of being a first-class broadcaster as long as I remain" on the staff, he said in a statement.

New Zealand Prime Minister John Key said Sunday he did not think Henry's comments would affect relations with India. "People should recognize that broadcasters and commentators say things all over the world, and if we took offense to those comments all the time, we'd cease to have any diplomatic relations," he told reporters.

# Michael Jackson memorabilia fetches $1M in Macau

In this March 5, 2009 file photo, US singer Michael Jackson is shown at a press conference in London.

AP

**MACAU** (AP)—An auction of some 100 items of Michael Jackson memorabilia has fetched more than $1 million, with a basketball autographed by the late singer and Michael Jordan netting $245,000.

Showing the lingering appeal of the "King of Pop," the sale Saturday in the southern Chinese city of Macau drew bidders from around the world.

An unidentified Internet bidder paid $180,000 for a black crystal-studded glove and an arm brace Jackson wore while filming a promotional video for his 1995 album "HIStory." An Internet bidder also bought the basketball.

Of the 435 total items up for sale, other non-Jackson items sold included a costume worn by Bruce Lee during the filming of "Game of Death" and a costume Madonna donned during her Girlie Show world tour.

## Minn. synagogue with ties to Bob Dylan is for sale

**HIBBING, Minn.** (AP)—The former Minnesota synagogue where singer Bob Dylan had his bar mizvah when he was 13-year-old Bobby Zimmerman is for sale.

The owners of the building in Hibbing are hoping the connection to Dylan helps sell it. The building is No. 8 on the Bob Dylan Walk tour.

It hasn't been a synagogue since the 1980s, when the congregation disbanded and the building was turned into apartments.

Brenda Shafer-Pellinen, who owns the building with her husband, told the Duluth News Tribune she has reached out to Dylan fans on websites. The asking price is $119,000.

Shafer-Pellinen and her husband bought it in 2001 with plans to turn it into a bed-and-breakfast, but the Twin Cities couple haven't been able to move north.

## O'Donnell: SNL spoof of campaign ad 'really funny'

AP

In this Sept. 14, 2010 file photo, Delaware Republican Senate candidate Christine O'Donnell addresses supporters after winning the Republican nomination, in Dover, Del. Senate hopeful O'Donnell has a simple message in her campaign ads—"I'm you."

**WILMINGTON, Del.** (AP)—Saturday Night Live has taken another jab at Christine O'Donnell—and the Delaware Senate candidate says the riff on her recent television campaign ad "was really funny."

In the ad that debuted this week, O'Donnell tells the camera, "I'm not a witch." The line from O'Donnell's ad makes light of comments she made on a talk show in 1999.

The spoof begins with SNL actress Kristen Wiig using lines similar to the ad. It then diverges into the absurd, with Wiig asking, "Isn't that what the people of Delaware deserve? A candidate who promises first and foremost that she's not a witch? That's the kind of candidate Delaware hasn't had since 1692."

O'Donnell responded with a Twitter posting on Sunday morning, saying the skit was funny and adding: "I have to admit, her hair looked better than mine."

## Leno drops by Palin hometown to visit troops

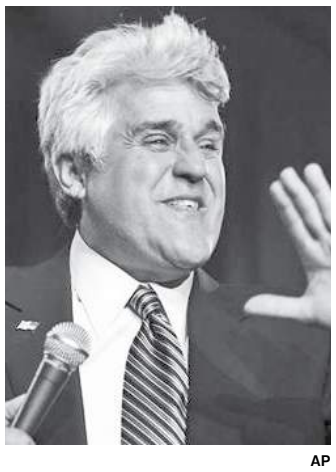
**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** (AP)—Late night talk show host Jay Leno dropped by Sarah Palin's hometown to help open an Air Force Reserve recruiting office.

The host of "The Tonight Show" was in Alaska to perform a show Saturday at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage.

He also helped cut a ribbon for the opening of an Air Force Reserve recruiting office in Wasilla, the home of Palin, the former Alaska governor and GOP vice presidential nominee.

KTUU-TV reports Leno shook hands with fans and inspected several vehicles driven to the event, including a small truck rebuilt to resemble a giant Radio Flyer red wagon.

Leno thanked new recruits who were sworn in during the grand opening.



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In this May 10, 2009 file photo, comedian Jay Leno performs during the Jay Leno Comedy Stimulus Plan show at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio.

## Conductor performs rare NYC-Boston doubleheader

**BOSTON** (AP)—Six months after back surgery, conductor James Levine has played a rare doubleheader. He led a performance at New York's Metropolitan Opera of Wagner's "Das Rheingold" beginning at 1:15 p.m. Saturday. Levine then traveled to Boston for an 8 p.m. Boston Symphony Orchestra performance of Mahler's Symphony No. 2 "Resurrection" on Saturday night.

The 67-year-old is music director for both the Met and the BSO. He had returned to the podium on Sept. 27 following his recovery.

Saturday's doubleheader that started in New York came after two days of performances in Boston.

# Tattoo hullabaloo obscures wedding's deeper meaning

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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**DEAR ABBY**: You told "No Ink in Louisville" (Aug. 24) that her friend cared more about getting a tattoo than the feelings of the bride-to-be, and her "little sister" should have postponed getting one until after the wedding.

I think "No Ink" was insensitive on several counts. If she truly loves her dear friend, why couldn't she simply accept her friend's wish to wear a tattoo at the wedding? Shouldn't the love and acceptance of her friend come first? We are talking about true friendship. Should body appearance be so important to the bride that she thinks the tattoo will ruin her wedding or the photographs?

Friendship works both ways. I think both women were insensitive in their regard for each other, but this was an opportunity for the bride-to-be to show her maturity. I see this as simply another case of how consumed we are as a society by appearance. Come on! It's only a tattoo.

BOB IN NEW JERSEY

**DEAR BOB: Thank you for writing. I had an "inkling" my readers might have varied suggestions and opinions regarding that letter. Read on:**

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**DEAR ABBY**: I think the tattoo would not only be visible for pictures, but also take away the beauty of the entire event. Attendants should complement the wedding not distract from it. I would ask the bridesmaid to please wear a sheer matching jacket—or bow out. After all, it is the bride and groom's day—and it IS a big deal.

NO TATTOO IN NEW MEXICO

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**DEAR ABBY**: If "Ink" cared about her friend's feelings, she would never have requested that she wait six months to get a tattoo. There were people I would have loved to have had in my wedding party, but because I knew they were neither punctual nor reliable, they were guests, not part of my bridal party. I never would ask someone to put his or her life on hold for my one day.

JILLIAN IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

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**DEAR ABBY**: The photographer can easily remove the tattoo from the photos. Thank goodness for digital photography! We have a picture of our son that was taken with his now ex-girlfriend and, because of the wonders of modern photography, he is now standing alone and looking mighty fine!

DELETED HER FROM THE PICTURE

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**DEAR ABBY**: There are many makeup concealers made to specifically camouflage tattoos. "Ink" can find plenty of them in makeup stores or online. They may be expensive, but if her friend agrees, it would be a small price to pay for the bride's peace of mind. And in this situation, because it's the bride who wants to hide the tattoo, I think she should be the one to buy the concealer.

INK LOVER IN HONOLULU

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**DEAR ABBY**: I wear LOUD, bright colors and have magenta-colored hair. My cousin is being married in a few weeks, and I offered to tone it down and wear muted colors so I would not stand out. She replied, "That isn't you," and that I should wear what I normally would—vivid colors and all. We love each other and we respect our differences. Shouldn't that be what a wedding is all about—love?

KIM IN OAK HARBOR, WASH.

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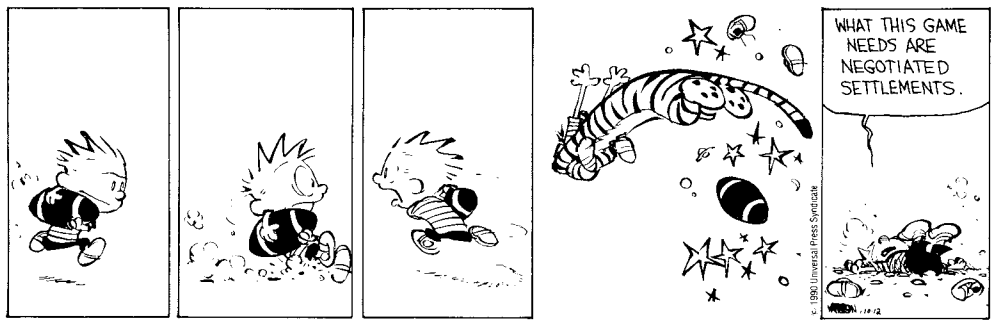
## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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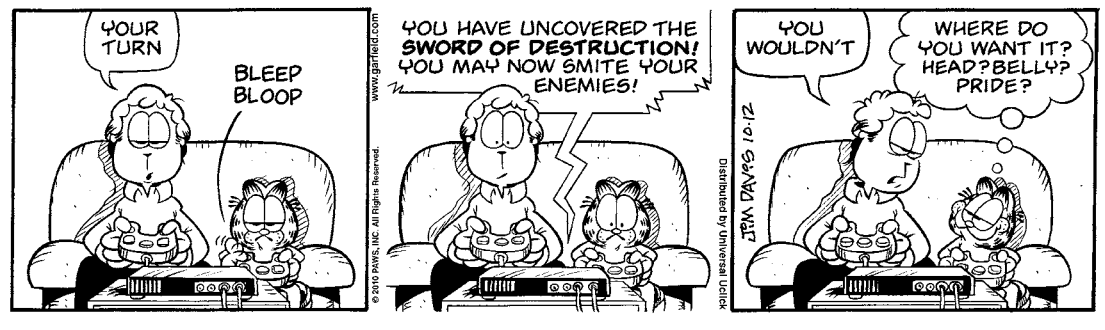
By Jim Davis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YOU WOULDN'T
WHERE DO YOU WANT IT? HEAD? BELLY? PRIDE?
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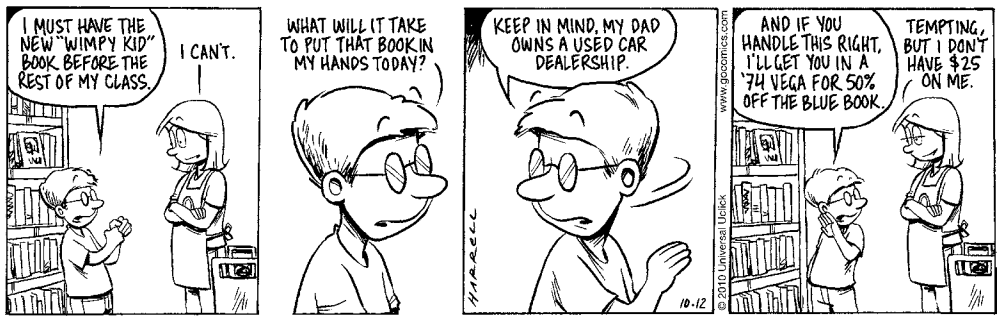
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I CAN'T.
WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO PUT THAT BOOK IN MY HANDS TODAY?
KEEP IN MIND, MY DAD OWNS A USED CAR DEALERSHIP.
AND IF YOU HANDLE THIS RIGHT, I'LL GET YOU IN A '74 VEGA FOR 50% OFF THE BLUE BOOK.
TEMPTING, BUT I DON'T HAVE $25 ON ME.
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## The Duplex

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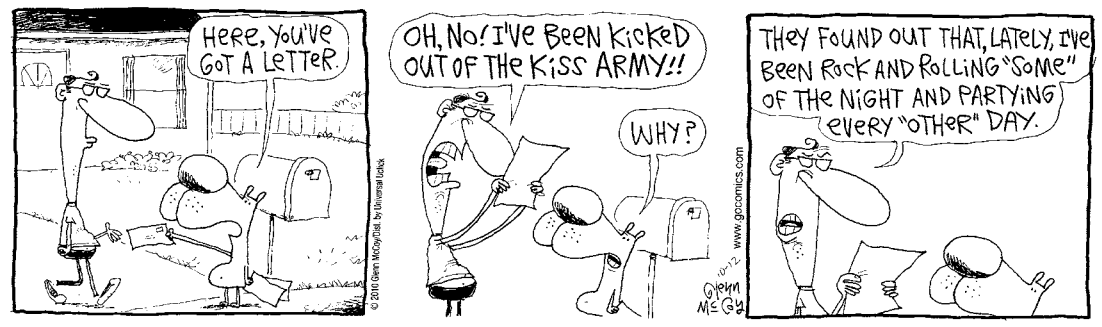
Here, You've Got A Letter.
OH, No! I've Been Kicked OUT OF THE KISS ARMY!!
WHY?
THEY FOUND OUT THAT, LATELY, I've Been Rock AND Rolling "SOME" OF THE NIGHT AND PARTYING every "oTHer" DAY.
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## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**
1 Genie's home
5 Society newcomer
8 Herd members
12 Hodge-podge
13 Eggs
14 Stage statuette
15 Daughter of King Lear
17 Parks of civil rights fame
18 Coloration
19 Every last crumb
20 Skilled
21 Weep
22 Nevertheless, briefly
23 Fold-up mattress
26 Malaria remedy
30 Distant
31 Comprehend
32 Rainbow
33 Walked like a little kid
35 Got down to pray
36 Doctrine
37 Insect
38 Wide
41 Knight's address
42 Toward the stern
45 Count counterpart
46 Ribbed fabric
48 And others (Lat.)
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53 Appellation

**DOWN**
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4 Pea holder
5 1996 news-making clone
6 Satanic
7 Comment from 5-Down
8 Putting a barrier around
9 Reed instrument
10 Thin trail of smoke
11 Membership
16 Deserve
20 Sushi-bar tuna
21 As a good host would
22 Historic boy king
23 Obese
24 Venusian vehicle?
25 Slight amount
26 Proof abbr.
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31 Jewel
34 1960s hallucinogen
35 Kirkuk native
37 With 38-Down, cousin of sarsaparilla
38 See 37-Down
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40 Exam format
41 Ilk
42 Vicinity
43 Lather
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46 Has the skills
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**Solution time: 21 mins.**

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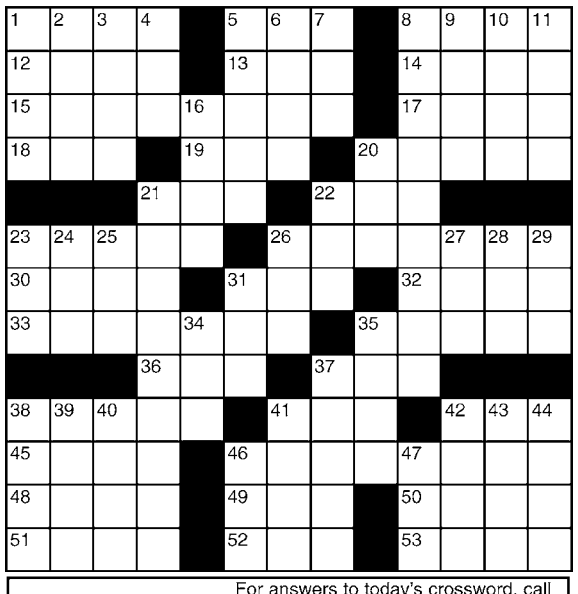

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**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Someone or something you least expect is likely to disrupt your world. Take a serious approach to whatever comes your way. Deal with people and partners honestly, but don't offer information that isn't required. ✪✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): There is a learning curve that must be respected if you want to get things right the first time around. A personal relationship with someone from your past is likely to cause a problem. Don't be too eager to reveal what you are up to. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Money will slip through your fingers as temptation leads to impulsive purchases. Discipline will be required and can turn out to be your saving grace. Don't get into a push-pull situation with someone over money. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Depression will set in if you take on too many responsibilities. Put less focus on work, chores and demands and more emphasis on self-improvement and passionate encounters. Mixing business with pleasure will lead to trouble. ✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Keep it low key if you are planning any sort of romantic interlude. There is likely to be a change of heart or a disagreement as to likes and dislikes. Now is not the time to waste money or time on someone who isn't going to listen or do things your way. ✪✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): An emotional problem related to a debt, settlement or contract is likely to develop if you try to make changes to an agreement. Friends or relatives may be able to help you resolve a situation that is holding you back. ✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): There is opportunity present if you let your imagination take over and lead you in a unique direction. You must utilize what you can recycle from your past in order to stay on schedule. ✪✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Get your thoughts straight and gather any information you may need to complete something you started a long time ago. Use your experience, wisdom and innovative ideas to lead to a position you've wanted to be in for some time. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You may not be able to control what's going on in your personal life or where partners are concerned, but you can use your knowledge and skills to get ahead and secure a brighter future professionally. Discipline and hard work will pay off. ✪✪✪

**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): All you have to do is finish what you start and you will be sitting in a good position.

## EUGENIA LAST

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**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You can help people but letting anyone take advantage of you must not be allowed. Focus on yourself and what you are going to do in the future. Take care of health, finance and your general well-being. ✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Making a promise or talking over plans with someone you trust, love or want to go into partnership with personally or professionally should be your intent. Laying down ground rules will ensure that the future looks bright and greater security is yours. ✪✪

**Birthday Baby**: You are intense, charming, engaging and eager to participate. You are creative, bold and persistent.

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## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 10/12

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**Saturday's SUDOKU Answer**

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By DAVID OUELLET

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**SHEPARD SMITH** **Solution: 7 letters**

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# Phillies sweep Reds, reach NLCS

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Philadelphia Phillies second baseman Chase Utley dives for a ground ball by Cincinnati Reds' Jay Bruce that gets through for a hit in the second inning of Game 3 of baseball's National League Division Series Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, in Cincinnati.

**CINCINNATI** (AP)—Cole Hamels pumped his fist when it was over, and the Philadelphia Phillies celebrated with a few chest bumps and a handshake line before returning to the clubhouse for more champagne.

Ho-hum. Another ace, another dominating performance—and one more trip to the NL championship series.

Hamels struck out nine in a five-hitter, Chase Utley homered and the Phillies beat the Reds 2-0 on Sunday night to finish off the franchise's first playoff sweep.

"This moment here is just another stepping stone to trying to win another World Series," Hamels said.

Philadelphia, attempting to become the first NL team in 66 years to win three straight pennants, will host San Francisco or Atlanta in the NLCS opener on Saturday. The Giants beat the Braves 3-2 Sunday to take a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five division series.

Roy Halladay got the Phillies off to a scintillating start with the second no-hitter in postseason history and Hamels finished off the Reds with a masterful performance of his own. With Roy Oswalt also rested and ready to go for the next round, look out.

"For everybody here the ultimate goal is to get to the World Series," Halladay said. "This is the first step. We're all looking to get to the end."

The Reds, making their first postseason appearance in 15 years, committed six errors in the last two games of the series after finishing second in the NL with a club-record .988 fielding percentage during the regular season.

The NL's top offense managed only 11 hits in three games - the fewest for a team in a postseason series, according to STATS LLC. The previous low was 13 by Texas against the New York Yankees in 1998.

"I mean, they really pitched," Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "They're a very good team. We kept 'em in the ballpark, so to speak, kept the runs down. We just didn't push across enough runs."

Hamels got Joey Votto to ground into a double play after Brandon Phillips' leadoff single in the ninth, then struck out Scott Rolen to end the game. The lanky left-hander threw 119 pitches in his first postseason complete game, 82 for strikes.

After Rolen struck out for the eighth time in the series, the celebration was on. Well, sort of.

It all looked very routine - Charlie Manuel's team has practiced this a lot over the past couple of years, including a victory over Tampa Bay in the 2008 World Series.

"We don't want to get too carried away," Hamels said. "We're just going to move on and play the best baseball we can."

Utley, greeted with loud boos and chants of "Cheater! Cheater!" before each at-bat, connected against Johnny Cueto in the fifth, giving the Phillies a 2-0 lead. It was his 10th career postseason homer, moving him past teammate Jayson Werth and into first place on the club's career list.

Utley started Philadelphia's winning rally in Game 2 when he was hit by a pitch from hard-throwing reliever Aroldis Chapman in the seventh inning. The All-Star second baseman acknowledged after the game he wasn't sure if the ball hit him, and a record crowd of 44,599 at Great American Ball Park made it clear what it thought of the play.

Umpires reviewed Utley's drive to right-center to see if a fan interfered with the ball, but the replays were conclusive and the call was quickly upheld.

No cheating here. Just another timely drive for the NL East champs.

"I knew I hit it OK," Utley said. "I hit a ball in the first inning I thought I hit better than that one, but lucky for us, the weather is still warm and it's a good hitters' ballpark."

The Reds never regained their footing after Halladay shut them down in the series opener. The surprise NL Central winners led 4-0 in Game 2 but quickly fell apart, committing four errors in a gut-wrenching 7-4 loss that put them on the brink of elimination.

Hamels took it from there.

The 2008 World Series MVP, quite the luxury to have as a No. 3 starter in the postseason, increased his perfect mark against Cincinnati to 7-0 in eight career starts. He also improved to 6-3 in 11 postseason outings.

"I have that sort of positive energy every time I come here," said Hamels, who tossed five shutout innings in his major league debut in Cincinnati in 2006.

Hamels allowed only two runners to reach second and none of the Reds got to third. He also got some help from his defense in the first when center fielder Shane Victorino sprinted into the gap in left-center to grab Phillips' liner with speedy Drew Stubbs on first.

Cincinnati's fielders were not so helpful to Cueto.

Reds shortstop Orlando Cabrera, a late addition to the lineup, made an errant throw in the first that allowed Placido Polanco to score an unearned run, quieting the towel-waving crowd desperate for something to cheer about. Third baseman Scott Rolen mishandled Carlos Ruiz's grounder in the sixth but Homer Bailey got Hamels to fly out to end the inning.

Cincinnati chased nemesis Oswalt early in Game 2, but was still impressed with the Phillies' trio of starters.

"Those three alone can probably take them to the World Series and win it," Votto said.

Hamels closed the regular season with a flourish, going 5-1 with a 1.48 ERA in his final seven starts, and picked up right where he left off. He walked none and was in complete control throughout.

"He was sharp and I mean, he was good the whole nine innings," Manuel said.

Cabrera aggravated his injured left side Friday night and was in danger of being removed from the postseason roster before he fielded grounders and took batting practice prior to Game 3. Baker decided to insert him into the lineup after he said he felt fine, removing slick-fielding Paul Janish.

The move backfired in the first. With two outs and runners on the corners, Werth hit a grounder to Cabrera and his throw pulled Votto off the bag at first. Cabrera raised his left shoulder after the play, stretching out his side, and went 0 for 3 at the plate.

"We didn't get the job done," Rolen said. "We didn't have the series we wanted."

## Giants 3, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Brooks Conrad stood near second base, all alone. He didn't dare go near Braves manager Bobby Cox, standing on the mound making a pitching change. Finally, teammate Derrek Lee wandered over, giving Conrad a pat on the back.

Nothing helped. All Conrad could do was bend over in anguish.

"I wish I could just dig a hole," he said, "and sleep in it."

The Braves were within one out of taking control of the NL division series, but a 30-year-old journeyman infielder who wouldn't have been playing if not for season-ending injuries to Chipper Jones and Martin Prado simply couldn't catch the ball Sunday.

Conrad made three errors, the last of them on a two-out grounder in the ninth inning that gave the San Francisco Giants a 3-2 victory over Atlanta.

"It was completely embarrassing," said Conrad, who has made eight errors in the last seven games going back to the regular season. "Once again, I feel like I let everyone down."

He bobbled a grounder in the first, but that one didn't hurt. He dropped a popup the next inning, allowing an unearned run to score. Finally, Buster Posey's hard grounder skidded under Conrad's glove, bringing home the run that capped San Francisco's two-run ninth.

"I thought he would make the play," Posey said. "I wouldn't wish that on anybody."

Brian Wilson shut down the Braves in the ninth to give the Giants a 2-1 lead in a tense best-of-five series in which all three games have been decided by one run.

San Francisco can close it out Monday night. For Conrad, the memories of this one will linger for a lifetime. He tied a postseason record for errors in a game and became the fourth second baseman to make three, according to STATS LLC.

## Rays 5, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Evan Longoria is still limping. Now he's also hitting, and the Tampa Bay Rays are headed home, one victory from an improbable comeback.

Longoria snapped out of his postseason slump with a homer and two doubles, Carlos Pena scored twice with a pair of extra-base hits of his own and Tampa Bay escaped elimination again with a 5-2 victory Sunday over the Texas Rangers to force a deciding Game 5 in the AL division series.

"We've really battled to get back to even," Longoria said. "And I think we have a lot of confidence going home, and being able to finish the series in our home ballpark."

To do that they'll have to beat Cliff Lee who matched a postseason best with 10 strikeouts in a 5-1 series-opening victory. The Rays lost the two games at Tropicana Field before winning twice in Texas to push a division series to a fifth game for the first time since the Los Angeles Angels beat the New York Yankees in 2005.

"I still want to believe there is a home-field advantage and hopefully that's going to show up," manager Joe Maddon said. "The extra game at home, I have been talking about it all along."

If the Rays win they will join the 2001 Yankees as the only teams to lose the first two games at home and still win a five-game series.

The series winner hosts Game 1 of the AL championship series Friday night against Yankees. New York swept Minnesota in three games, clinching the other division series with a 6-1 win Saturday night.

Texas is still the only current major league franchise that has never won a postseason series, and still has not won a playoff game in front of its home fans (0-6).

"It's down to one game, we've got Cliff going and certainly feel good about that," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We have proved that we can win there.

# Hart's TD run gives Colts 19-9 win over Chiefs

**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—Mike Hart scored the game's only touchdown on an 11-yard run with 4:02 to go as the Indianapolis Colts handed the Kansas City Chiefs their first loss of the season 19-9 on Sunday, leaving the NFL without any unbeaten teams.

It's the first time since 1970 that no team has reached 4-0.

The Colts (3-2) won in atypical fashion. For the first time this season, Peyton Manning failed to top 300 yards or throw for a touchdown. He finished 26-of-44 for 244 yards with one interception and couldn't get the Colts into the end zone until Hart's clinching score.

It's moments like this that you don't get all the time and when they pop, you try to take advantage of it," Hart said. "It's fun."

The 5-foot-9 Hart got his chance when Joseph Addai went down midway through the third quarter with what appeared to be right shoulder injury.

Hart carried 11 times for 50 yards, both career-highs.

"Mike did a great job," Manning said after going 26-of-44 for 244 yards and one interception. "He had an interesting week practice wise. He got injured during the week and didn't know quite what was going to happen. Next thing you know, he comes out and does a heck of a job for us. That's why you've got to have depth. Everybody's got to be ready at any time."

Indy (3-2) needed a victory to get back into a first-place tie in the AFC South and was facing the hottest team in football.

Kansas City (3-1), with four straight wins dating to last season, was the NFL's last unbeaten team and brought a defense that hadn't allowed more than 14 points in a game all season—until Hart's run.

With Manning having a rare off day, the Colts featured a more balanced attack. The problem was Indy had deactivated backup running back Donald Brown, and when Addai was hurt, the Colts had to turn to Hart.

The Chiefs thought they had done enough defensively to thwart Manning & Co. with an assortment of nickel and dime packages that had the quarterback out of sync and flustered.

On a normal day, that might have been good enough to beat the Colts.

But Kansas City didn't get into the end zone, and for the first time since 1970, the NFL has no 4-0 teams. Denver, Detroit and the Los Angeles Rams all went 3-0 in '70 before losing.

"We're a team trying to transition into becoming a good team. We're not there," coach Todd Haley said. "If we had won this game, I'd be saying the same thing. Good is much bigger than four games. Good is measured a little differently, but we are transitioning and we are making progress."

Jamaal Charles carried 16 times for 87 yards. Matt Cassel was 16-of-29 for 156 yards, and the Chiefs had to settle for three field goals, losing their chance at a miracle comeback when Ryan Succop missed a 51-yard attempt with 1:17 to go.

The difference: Kansas City's failed gambles and Hart.

Haley opened the game with an onside kick that didn't go the necessary 10 yards. Nine plays later, Adam Vinatieri hit a 20-yard field goal.

On the next series, Cassel threw for a first down on fourth-and-2 from the Indy 8. When the ball was incomplete, Manning marched the Colts into position for a 24-yard field goal that made it 6-0.

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Indianapolis Colts running back Mike Hart extends to score a touchdown while being tackled by Kansas City Chiefs defensive back Kendrick Lewis (23) in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game in Indianapolis, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010. Indianapolis won, 19-9.

## Goodell: Looking at facts in Favre case

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell says once the league completes its investigation of allegations Brett Favre sent racy messages and lewd photos to a Jets game hostess in 2008, it will "make a determination" if the Vikings quarterback should be punished.

The league is looking into the matter under its personal conduct policy.

"We are going through that and we are making sure we understand all the facts," Goodell said at halftime of the Chargers-Raiders game.

Goodell added once the investigation is complete, "we'll make a determination from there."

Should Favre be found to have violated the NFL's conduct policy, he could be fined or suspended.

Deadspin posted a story Thursday which included several voicemails allegedly sent by Favre to Jenn Sterger, who worked for the Jets at the time. The voicemails include a man asking to meet with Sterger, who now is a TV personality for the Versus network. The website posted a video that contained the voicemails and several graphic pictures—said to be Favre—that were allegedly sent to Sterger's cell phone.

The website later reported that Favre also pursued two female massage therapists who worked part time for the team, according to one of the women. Deadspin did not identify the women, but a Jets spokesman said the team was giving contact information for the two women to the league.

Sterger's manager, Phil Reese, has said his client "did not provide Deadspin with any information." And a Deadspin editor said it paid a third party for the material and acknowledged it's possible the man who sent the voicemails and photos may not be Favre.

Favre refused to comment on the stories earlier in the week. Minnesota is at the Jets on Monday night.

Vikings coach Brad Childress said he talked with Favre about the NFL investigation and that the Deadspin reports have not been a distraction for the team .

"We just talk about what's out there and look it right in the eye and deal with it to the extent we can," Childress said on Saturday. "It doesn't affect anybody else in this locker room, except Brett Favre."

### Cardinals 30, Saints 20

At Glendale, Arizona, Max Hall's debut as Arizona's quarterback was a winning one as the Cardinals defense intercepted three passes by Drew Brees.

The undrafted rookie from BYU completed 17 of 27 passes for 168 yards, Jay Feely kicked three field goals and Kerry Rhodes returned a fumble 27 yards for a score to lead the way.

### Raiders, 35 Chargers 27

At Oakland, California, Michael Bush ran 3 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 3:39 remaining and Tyvon Branch returned a fumble 64 yards for a score as Oakland snapped a 13-game losing streak against San Diego.

All it took to end the seven-year drought for the Raiders (2-3) was two blocked two punts, two long touchdown drives in the second half led by backup quarterback Jason Campbell and the big play at the end by Branch and Michael Huff.

### Titans 34, Cowboys 27

At Arlington, Texas, Chris Johnson scored a pair of 1-yard touchdowns in the fourth quarter, lifting Tennessee over mistake-prone Dallas.

The Cowboys got behind 17-3 with penalties and errors on defense. Dallas managed to tie it at 17 and 20, then a tipped pass that was intercepted set up Johnson's first touchdown of the final period.

### Eagles 27, 49ers 24

At San Francisco, Kevin Kolb passed for 253 yards while capably filling in for injured Michael Vick, and Quintin Mikell returned Alex Smith's fumble 52 yards for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter of Philadelphia's victory over winless San Francisco.

LeSean McCoy rushed for a score and Trevard Lindley made a last-minute interception for the Eagles (3-2), who forced five turnovers and survived San Francisco's late rally for their fifth straight win over the 49ers (0-5).

### Lions 44, Rams 6

At Detroit, Stefan Logan's 105-yard kickoff return broke a tie and sent the Lions to their first win of the season and ended a 10-game losing streak.

The win was the Lions' most-lopsided since beating the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars 44-0 in 1995.

Logan's franchise-record tying score helped the Lions (1-4) outscore St. Louis 21-3 in the second quarter, and they didn't let up.

### Ravens 31, Broncos 17

At Baltimore, Ray Rice ran for 133 yards and two touchdowns as Baltimore frustrated Denver quarterback Kyle Orton.

Baltimore (4-1) jumped to a 17-0 lead and coasted to its third straight win, the first this season by double digits. The Ravens moved past idle Pittsburgh into sole possession of first place in the AFC North.

### Giants 34, Texans 10

At Houston, Eli Manning threw two of his three touchdown passes to Hakeem Nicks and the Giants held Houston to a franchise-low 24 yards rushing.

Nicks finished with career highs of 12 catches and 130 yards, another big day for a receiver against the Texans' porous secondary. Manning finished 27 of 42 for 297 yards, and threw his third TD pass to Steve Smith in the fourth quarter.

### Redskins 16, Packers 13, OT

At Landover, Maryland, Graham Gano kicked a 33-yard field goal 6:54 into overtime to lift Washington past Green Bay.

The winning score was set up by LaRon Landry's diving interception of Aaron Rodgers at the Packers 39. The Redskins moved the ball with the help of two penalties to set up Gano's kick.

### Bears 23, Panthers 6

At Charlotte, North Carolina, Matt Forte rushed for 166 yards and two touchdowns, Julius Peppers had an acrobatic interception against his former team and Chicago overcame four interceptions by backup Todd Collins to keep Carolina winless.

Forte scored both his TDs in the first quarter, during which Peppers silenced a booing crowd in his first game back to Carolina with a diving interception to set up a field goal.

### Falcons 20, Browns 10

At Cleveland, defensive end Kroy Biermann's spectacular interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter led Atlanta over Cleveland.

After pressuring Browns quarterback Jake Delhomme, Biermann leaped to deflect the pass and then made a diving headfirst catch like a seasoned wide receiver. Knowing he had not been touched, Biermann scrambled to his feet and rumbled 31 yards on a twisting, turning effort to give the Falcons a 20-10 lead with 4:01 left.

### Jaguars 36, Bills 26

At Orchard Park, New York, tight end Marcedes Lewis caught two touchdowns passes as Jacksonville rallied from a 10-point deficit to keep Buffalo winless.

David Garrard shook off an interception and a lost fumble to throw for three touchdowns as the Jaguars (3-2) snapped a four-game road skid. Mike Sims-Walker's 7-yard touchdown put the Jaguars ahead for good, 27-20 lead late in the third quarter.

### Buccaneers 24, Bengals 21

At Cincinnati, Carson Palmer's third interception gave Tampa Bay one last chance, and Connor Barth kicked a 31-yard field goal with 1 second left.

Second-year quarterback Josh Freeman set up the winning kick with a sensational pass, hitting Micheal Spurlock along the sideline for a 21-yard completion to the 13. Spurlock kept both toes inbound for a falling-down catch that was upheld on review.

# Volleyball training course set for Oct. 18 to 22

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The Northern Marianas Volleyball Association will now push through with the FIVB Volleyball Cooperation Program-Teacher's Training Course.

The course that was postponed last month due to scheduling conflicts will run from Oct. 18 to 22 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium with the weekdays sessions running from 3:30pm to 9pm. Deadline for submission of application form is at 5:30pm on October 15.

The course is open to physical education teachers and local youth development coordinators. No experience is necessary to attend the five-day workshop.

Thomas Santamaria Jr. will be conducting the VCP Teacher's Training Course. Santamaria is world-renowned for his career as a national level volleyball coach for both Australia and the Philippines. He visited Saipan in 2008 when he instructed a FIVB-VCP Level 1 Coaches Certification course.

Some of the topics in the course include: the history of volleyball, basic tactics and techniques, teaching principles, how to organize tournaments, how to handle injuries, first aid and more. The course concludes with a Sap Youth Festival tournament for school children.

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FIVB instructor Thomas Santamaria, sixth from left, joins participants of the FIVB Level I Coaching Course for a group photo before the awarding of certificates for the workshop at Pacific Islands Club Seaside Grill in 2008.

It is requested that all interested participants visit www.nmivolleyball.org and register for the course online. From the home page click on the "FIVB" link under the "clinics" tab on the top left side of the page. Then click the Teacher's Training Course tab, which will appear directly underneath the previous link. If unable to register online, email nmivolleyball@gmail.com for an electronic form that can be submitted via email or print the electronic form and hand deliver it to Gabriel C. White at the Law Offices of Michael White in Susupe.

A refundable $100 deposit is required per person and must be paid in full by the first day of course during the registration period. Half of the deposit will be refunded to participants with perfect attendance and the other $50 will be refunded to those who pass the final exam.

In addition, PSS is granting Professional Development Credit to those who will finish the course. Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association members are encouraged to participate although it has not been confirmed if they will receive PDC hours.

Space is available for up to 30 students on a first come first serve basis. All course materials will be provided.

For questions or more information, contact Gabriel White at 234-6547 or via email at nmivolleyball@gmail.com.

## CITIZENSHIP

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Mini Games in the past or from 2005 and earlier to participate in the 2011 Pacific Games.

White said the next step for local sports associations hoping to seek waiver for their athletes is to prepare the necessary documents and submit them to the Executive Board six months before the 2011 Pacific Games in Noumea, New Caledonia kicks off.

"All requests for waivers should be in the Executive Board's hands at least six months before the Games. This will give the board time to make a decision, and our teams and athletes time to make the necessary commitments well in advance of the Games. If you have athletes for which you will want to seek a waiver, please start now and put together your reasons and supporting documentation why the waiver should be granted," White said in an e-mail forwarded to NMASA members.

Next year's Pacific Games will run from Aug. 27 to September 10 with Noumea serving as the main hub and 10 other cities/towns hosting other events.

The quadrennial competitions has lined up 27 sports, namely athletics, basketball, beach and indoor volleyball, soccer, golf, weightlifting, swimming, Rugby 7's, tennis, table tennis, va's (canoe racing), badminton, baseball, boxing, cricket, karate, squash, surfing, taekwondo, shooting, archery, triathlon, sailing, body building, power lifting, and judo.

More than 5,000 athletes and officials from 22 countries will be participating in the two-week competition.

Meanwhile, NMASA reminded interested athletes/coaches that payment for the New Caledonia trip will start in December.

NMASA estimated the cost of the trip at $1,800 per delegate. The total cost is payable on installment basis for five months with each delegate paying $360 per month, beginning in December until April.

## RACES

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Weather permitting the VisMinda-Kids Cove and MDX-Monster Energy Drink will play the continuation of their rained-out game last Saturday. VisMinda and MDX will duel in the first make-up match of the night, starting at 6:30pm.

MDX was leading at the halftime break, 33-31, when heavy rain started to fall. Several minutes later with the court already soaked, league officials decided to suspend the game.

The weekend match started about an hour late from its original schedule as it rained about two hours before the game began. League organizers used a borrowed blower to drain the court and the tip-off started past 7pm.

However, VisMinda and MDX failed to complete the game and instead of waiting for the court to dry, league officials called it a night.

The winner of the MDX-VisMinda playoff game will challenge the victor of the match between MAFEA-Ebisuya and Cabalen-Wings Travel for the first finals ticket.

MAFEA-Ebisuya and Cabalen-Wings Travel also had their playoff match halted by rain last Thursday. They will resume the rained-out game tonight after the MDX-VisMinda tussle.

MAFEA-Ebisuya was ahead, 64-56, when the game was suspended at the 3:19 mark of the third quarter and with the former having possession.

Cabalen, which controlled the first half of the match, lost the lead in the third, as it was held to only three field goals in the first six minutes of that canto.

In contrast, MAFEA-Ebisuya turned on the heat in the third canto behind Francis Rebuyon and Joe Tudela. Rebuyon drilled 10 points at the start of the second half, while Tudela chipped in nine.

MAFEA-Ebisuya outgunned the pennant champion Cabalen in the first six minutes of the third period, 24-7, to grab momentum of game.

Before slowing down in the third quarter, Cabalen got off to a strong start in the opening period, taking a 30-26 lead. Robert Guiang led Cabalen in the first period, knocking in 10 points. Tony Diaz and Junar Guiab also helped Cabalen's cause, as they combined for 13 points in the opening quarter.

Guaing added eight more points in the second period and Cabalen increased the lead to nine at halftime, 49-40, before things began falling apart for the No. 1 seed team in the third period.

After the MAFEA-Cabalen tiff, the open division game between MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt and Cavite will follow. Cavite and MAFEA were scheduled to play last Saturday after the MDX-VisMinda game in the masters division.

The winner of the MAFEA-Cavite duel will face Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense-Mobil for the first finals berth in the open division. SIP advanced to the winner's bracket semifinals after stunning the then unbeaten MDX, 97-94, last Thursday.

## ROLLERS

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Thanksgiving tournament, Rollers players are doing their regular practice sessions at the Garapan Basketball Court and the club has also lined up several fundraisers to help finance the group's trip to Guam.

The RBC held a hot lunch fundraiser last Sunday and will be providing details about a 3-on-3 fundraising tournament soon. The group is also planning to host a regular tournament with an eight-man roster per team.

Meanwhile, after making improvements to the Garapan Basketball Court, the RBC continues to get involved with community projects, as the club recently adopted the DPW Bridge Beach.

The group then held a clean up drive at the Lower Base beach with about 40 RBC players and coaches teaming up with Department of Environmental Quality representatives in picking up thrash in this area.

"I think it is a good idea that the RBC adopted this beach because it teaches the kids the importance of getting involved in community projects. I want our players and others to know that being a member of the Rollers club is not just about playing basketball; it's more than that. We are trying to mold these kids into our future leaders. Implementing these types of goodwill services are the best way to enlighten them about doing the right thing on and off the court," Diaz said.

Meanwhile, the RBC would like to thank IT&E, Bridge Capital, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Rep. Ray Tebuteb and Pete and Mathilde Igitol for supporting the group. Individuals/companies who wish to donate to the club and support its campaign in the Guam tournament are welcome.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NFL STANDINGS

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

| East | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N.Y. Jets | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 106 | 61 |
| New England | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 131 | 96 |
| Miami | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 66 | 92 |
| Buffalo | 0 | 5 | 0 | .000 | 87 | 161 |
| **South** | | | | | | |
| Houston | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 118 | 136 |
| Jacksonville | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 107 | 137 |
| Tennessee | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 132 | 95 |
| Indianapolis | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 136 | 101 |
| **North** | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 | 92 | 72 |
| Pittsburgh | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 86 | 50 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 3 | 0 | .400 | 100 | 102 |
| Cleveland | 1 | 4 | 0 | .200 | 78 | 97 |
| **West** | | | | | | |
| Kansas City | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 77 | 57 |
| Oakland | 2 | 3 | 0 | .400 | 111 | 134 |
| Denver | 2 | 3 | 0 | .400 | 104 | 116 |
| San Diego | 2 | 3 | 0 | .400 | 140 | 106 |

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

| East | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 89 | 92 |
| N.Y. Giants | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 106 | 98 |
| Philadelphia | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 122 | 103 |
| Dallas | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 81 | 87 |
| **South** | | | | | | |
| Atlanta | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 | 113 | 70 |
| Tampa Bay | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 74 | 80 |
| New Orleans | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 99 | 102 |
| Carolina | 0 | 5 | 0 | .000 | 52 | 110 |
| **North** | | | | | | |
| Chicago | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 | 92 | 74 |
| Green Bay | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 119 | 89 |
| Minnesota | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 43 | 38 |
| Detroit | 1 | 4 | 0 | .200 | 126 | 112 |
| **West** | | | | | | |
| Arizona | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 88 | 138 |
| Seattle | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 75 | 77 |
| St. Louis | 2 | 3 | 0 | .400 | 83 | 96 |
| San Francisco | 0 | 5 | 0 | .000 | 76 | 130 |

**Yesterday's Games**
Detroit 44, St. Louis 6
Baltimore 31, Denver 17
N.Y. Giants 34, Houston 10
Washington 16, Green Bay 13, OT
Chicago 23, Carolina 6
Atlanta 20, Cleveland 10
Jacksonville 36, Buffalo 26
Tampa Bay 24, Cincinnati 21
Indianapolis 19, Kansas City 9
Arizona 30, New Orleans 20
Tennessee 34, Dallas 27
Oakland 35, San Diego 27
Philadelphia 27, San Francisco 24

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### LOCAL SCORES

**NMIFA STANDINGS**
**Boys U14**

| Team | MP | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MP United FC | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 6 |
| Paire FC-Red | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Shirley's FC | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Paire FC-Black | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -1 | 0 |
| Tan Holdings FC | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | -4 | 0 |
| Independents FC | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 11 | -11 | 0 |
| Matansa FC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**Girls U14**

| Team | MP | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matansa FC | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Paire FC | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | -1 | 3 |
| MP United FC | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | -1 | 3 |
| Tan Holdings FC | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | -6 | 0 |

## MATANSA

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### Paire Red 2, Tan Holdings 0

Paire Red also gained a 2-0 mark after downing Tan Holdings FC, 2-0.

Paire got one goal apiece from Huntel Jewell and David Yang to shut out Tan Holdings FC.

After two games, Paire FC has earned six goals and gave up only one.

Tan Holdings FC remained winless and has yet to make a goal in the fall season.

Only two games in the boys U14 were played in Week 2, as the first match of the day between Shirley's Coffee Shop and Independents FC was rescheduled.

### BOYS U18

### Paire 5, Matansa 0

In the boys U18 game at the CPA Field, Paire shut out Matansa, 5-0.

Paire drew two goals from Young Park and one each from Joseph Ichihara, Banya Wutichai, and Vincent Palacios to dominate Matansa.

The win allowed Paire to bounce back from its debut loss, 0-3, to MP United during the opening of the league at the Oleai Sports Complex Field last Sept. 25.

# 2010 Saipan Radar Run

**PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO**

Participants in the 2010 Saipan Radar Run begin the 4.7-mile race at the Paupau Beach parking lot last Saturday.

Brad Ruszala, left, briefs participants about the course.

Joshua Berger, right, joins a group of young runners, from left, Austin Kosam, Koen, and Kevin Kabiriel, and Vinnie Inos, for a group photo before the race starts.

Mieko Carey heads to her bike after the run race to continue her morning training session.

Two runners head to the Paupau Beach parking lot to complete the race.

Eric Altamirano smiles as he nears the finish line.

Yosh Suzuki did the race barefoot.

Kevin Kabiriel sprints to the finish line.

Ben Wood nears the finish line.

Mamiko Oshima-Berger checks on her watch after crossing the finish line.

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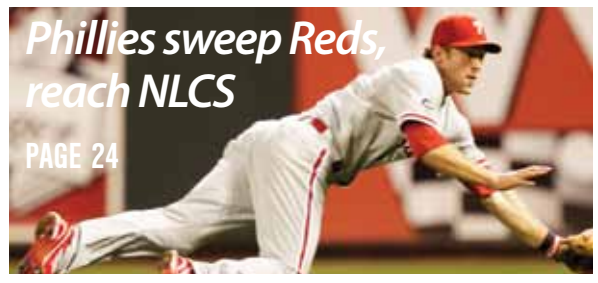




# Citizenship, residency requirements for Pacific Games could be waived

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The Pacific Games Council has adopted a new provision on eligibility rules, making it possible for athletes not meeting the citizen and residency requirements to still compete in the 2011 Pacific Games.

Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael White, who attended the Council meeting in New Caledonia in August, said that the Executive Board was newly vested with discretion to waive the written eligibility rules (the citizenship and residency requirements) for any reason whatsoever.

White in an-mail to NMASA members added he had been assured that the Executive Board will give favorable consideration to persons who would have been made eligible by the "grandfathering amendment," which CNMI proposed but was not adopted.

This system would allow athletes who had competed in the Pacific and

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# Matansa, MPU triumph in girls U14

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Matansa Football Club notched its second victory in a row, while MP United broke into the win column of the girls U14 division after prevailing against separate foes in Week 2 of the 2010 NMIFA Youth Football Fall League.

Matansa improved to a 2-0 lead and took the lead in the four-team division after an impressive 6-1 win over Paire Football Club in the first girls U14 game at the San Antonio Elementary School Field Andrea Camacho tallied four goals for Matansa, while Doreen Ravell and Tahlia Gideo made one each in Matansa's lopsided victory. Kflaen Peter nailed the lone goal for Paire.

After two games, Matansa has earned nine goals and has given up only one with Camacho recording seven of them.

## MP United 3, Tan Holdings 1

In the other girls U14 game, also at the Octopus' home field, MP United edged Tan Holdings FC, 3-1.

Tan Holdings drew first blood, scoring midway in the first half off Jan-Nasia Travilla's goal, before MP United got its offense going in the latter portion of the opening half.

MP United drew its first goal from Masami Sato then Rumina Litulumar scored back-to-back goals for the win.

MP United now has a 1-0-1 win-draw-loss record, tying Paire in second place.

## BOYS U14

### MP United 11, Independents 0

In the boys' U14 division game played at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, MP United was simply too much for Independents.

MP United got goals from six different players with Jehn Joyner leading the way after making a hat-trick. Chris Park and Jake Lee logged two goals apiece, while Angelo Jones, Dakota Hall, and Jordan Butcher nailed one each.

A 2-0 record and 13 earned goals put MP United on top of the team standings in the seven-squad boys U14 division.

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An MP United player uses her knee to hit the ball, while her teammates look on during their game against Tan Holdings FC in the girls U14 division of the NMIFA youth fall league at the San Antonio Elementary School Field.
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About 40 members of the Rollers Basketball Club met up at their newly adopted beach in Lower Base last Saturday to do a beach clean-up with the help of DEQ representatives.

# Races to UFO semis heat up

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Three teams will go for semis tickets tonight, as the 2010 United Filipino Organization Inter-Organizational Reinforced Basketball League play make-up games at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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MAFEA-Ebisuya's Francis Rebuyon is seen here going up for a jumper against MDX-Monster players during their regular season game in the masters division of the UFO caging. MAFEA and MDX will play the continuation of their playoff game against Cabalen and VisMinda, respectively, tonight at the JP Center Basketball Court.
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# Rollers prepares for Guam Thanksgiving tournament

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Rollers Basketball Club is gearing up for the 4th Annual Barrigada MPC Thanksgiving Tournament in Guam next month.

RBC head coach Joe Diaz said they are looking to send four teams in the annual youth tournament with each squad having a maximum of 15 players on its roster.

Diaz added to prepare for the

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